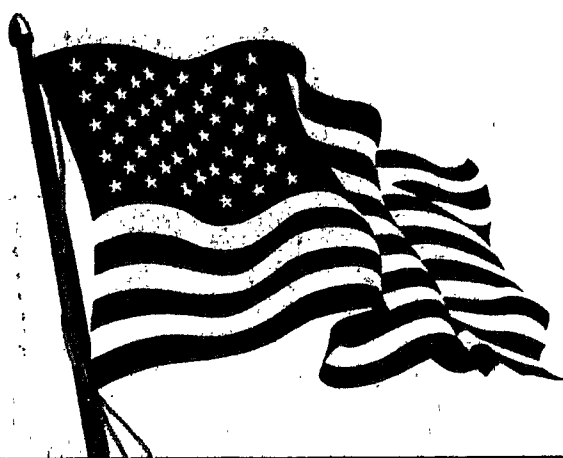


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Rocks, Lady Tigers & Lady Hawks all claim basketball titles.

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### BHS Class of '82 plans reunion

The Bay Senior High Class of 1982 is planning a 20-year reunion for June 22. For more information, please call Alesia Smith Fousanon at 467-9912 or Rickey Ladner at 255-0357.

### Law Enforcement Clay Shoot set

The second annual Law Enforcement Clay Shooting tournament is scheduled March 9, beginning at 9 a.m., at the clay pit one-half mile north of the red light in Kiln. Open to all law enforcement agencies. Shooters should bring at least 50 shells. Pre-registration is \$12; \$15 on day of shoot. Call Brian Cuevas at 255-9696 or page him at 516-0157.

### Babe Ruth ball league sign-ups

Registration for the Babe Ruth Baseball League at the Bay St. Louis Baseball Complex is scheduled from 5-7:30 p.m. each day on Feb. 19, 21 and 23; and 1-5 p.m. on Feb. 24.

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# Busted!



Lt. Howard Potts of the Mississippi Highway Patrol examines 96 pounds of marijuana that was seized on Friday after MHP Lt. Houston Dorr made a traffic stop on I-10 in Hancock County.



MHP Trooper Stephen Beale, left, Lt. Houston Dorr and Trooper Dale DeCamp take apart the impounded van's sound system on Friday, searching for more hidden contraband.

## MHP seizes 96 pounds of marijuana in I-10 traffic stop

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Ninety-six pounds of marijuana is off the streets through the efforts of Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Houston Dorr on Friday morning.

Dorr was patrolling on Interstate 10 a bit before 8 a.m. Friday, when he saw a van stop and pick up a man hitchhiking.

"I followed the van and ran a check on the license plate and it did not match

the vehicle and I stopped it near mile marker 13," Dorr said. "The driver told me he had just bought the van for \$3,000 yesterday. He gave me some paper work that was apparently bogus and I called in K-9 Trooper Sgt. Glenn Grice and his dog Kerry.

"Kerry got to the van and sat down, which was a sign there were drugs. I pulled a map light out of

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## Local schools face huge budget crunch

*Cuts in state funds could result in lay-offs*

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Top in every state educators concerns are the questions surrounding an anticipated cut in state education funds. Bay/Waveland School District Superintendent Kim Stasny spoke about the anticipated cuts and the possible repercussions at the monthly board meeting on Wednesday.

"The worst scenario just got worse," said Stasny.

A \$53.5 million anticipated deficit in state funding for the spring 2002 school year, said Stasny, will result in the district losing an estimated \$229,000 in state funds.

State funding for education has been slowly declining since 1992, Stasny said, when the Education Enhancement Fund (EEF) generated by a one percent sales tax was put into place. Prior to this, Stasny said education received 46.5 percent of the state's general fund, compared with 43 percent now. The legislative body has funneled money from education to other agency and used the one cent sales tax moneys to essentially supplant general funding issues, she said.

What this means to the district is a freeze on hiring until further notice, a possi-

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## Residents may be forced to hook up to sewerage

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Local Health Department officials are planning to work with Hancock County's Sewer and Water District to force some residents of Hancock County to hook up to the sewerage system.

"If you're not hooked up and the sewer is available, you're on the radar screen," warned Pansy Maddox, supervising environmentalist for six counties, including Hancock.

Maddox and District 9 Health Director Dr. Frank Travnick com-

mented after recent reports of residents not hooking up in available areas.

The sewerage system came into Bayside Park in stages last year and all residents should have connected all properties to the system by last July.

Travnick said Mike Rester, who supervises alleged health violations in Hancock and Pearl River Counties, was asked to contact officials with the Hancock County Sewer and Water District on

SEWER-PAGE 10A



Construction on the new Rite Aid store at Hwy. 90 and Nicholson Ave. in Waveland began on Mardi Gras Day. TradeMark Construction Inc. out of Mobile is overseeing the project, which should be finished sometime in July. Bill Fricke breaks ground on Wednesday.



# Civil Defense announces Storm Spotter Class during Severe Weather Week

The public is invited to a Storm Spotter Class Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at the offices of Civil Defense, 508 Ulman Avenue.

Frank Revitte with the National Weather Service will provide an information class on spotting severe weather and weather that may spawn tornadoes.

"The general public is our first line of defense in identifying tornadoes and severe weather," said Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon. "This workshop will teach people what to look for and how to report the weather. The information that you provide during stormy weather may save someone's life."

This is the second year the Bay/Waveland/Hancock County Civil Defense has sponsored this program.

To reserve a seat at the class, call Civil Defense at 467-9226.

## THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING A PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Thunderstorms are our most common experience of severe weather. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes.

Despite their small size, thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning which kills more people each year than tornadoes.

Heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding. Strong winds, hail, and tornadoes are also dan-

gers associated with some thunderstorms.

Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the United States, only about 10% are classified as severe. The National Weather Service considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least 3/4 inch in diameter, wind 58 mph or higher or tornadoes.

The five main offspring of thunderstorms are: lightning, floods, straight-line winds, large hail and tornadoes.

**Lightning** occurs with all thunderstorms. It averages 93 deaths and 300 injuries each year. It also causes several hundred million dollars in damage to property and forests annually.

**Flash floods** - Floods are the number one thunderstorm killer... nearly 140 fatalities each year. Most flash flood deaths occur at night and when people become trapped in automobiles.

**Straight line winds** are responsible for most thunderstorm wind damage. Winds can exceed 100 mph.

One type of straight line wind that can cause extreme damage is a downburst, a small area of rapidly descending air beneath a thunderstorm. Downbursts can reach speeds equal to that of a strong tornado and can be extremely dangerous to aviation.

**Hail** causes nearly \$1 billion in damage to property and crops annually. Large

hail stones can fall at speeds faster than 100 mph. The costliest U.S. hailstorm occurred in Denver, Colo. in July, 1990. Total damage was \$625 million.

Lightning is perhaps the most spectacular phenomenon associated with thunderstorms. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors, most often in the summer months and during the afternoon and early evening.

In the past decade, over 15,000 lightning-induced fires nationwide have resulted in several hundred million dollars a year in damage and the loss of 2 million acres of forest.

Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000 but could be reduced by following safety rules.

## What to listen for ...

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm watch is issued.

When severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar, a severe thunderstorm warning is issued. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

## What you can do - Be safe!

*Before the storm...*

- Check weather forecasts before leaving for extended periods outdoors.
- Watch for signs of approaching storms.
- Postpone outdoor activ-

ities if thunderstorms are imminent. This is your best way to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.

*When a thunderstorm approaches...*


- Remember: if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately!
- Move to a sturdy building or car. DO NOT take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees, or in convertible automobiles.
- Get out of boats and stay away from water.
- Avoid using the telephone or any other electrical appliances. Use the phone only in an emergency.
- Do not take a bath/shower.
- Turn off air conditioners.
- Get to higher ground if flooding is possible.

Abandon cars and climb to higher ground. Note: most flash flood deaths occur in automobiles.

*If caught outdoors and no shelter is nearby...*

- Find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles. Make sure the place is not subject to flooding.
- If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground.

You can contact your local civil defense/emergency management agency at 228-467-9226 for further information.



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## Stennis firm flies to the rescue

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

An industrial supplier based at Stennis International Airport recently came to the rescue of cities crippled by winter ice storms.

Owners of Pan American Insulators, Inc., had the equipment needed to get the electricity back on line when thousands of people and businesses were in a crisis situation. They estimated during the emergency they shipped about a hundred tons of electrical insulators, which they warehouse at their Stennis facility. Sales were in excess of \$100,000, a company spokeswoman said.

Charlotte Fiola, co-owner of the business with her husband, Mario, said, "Most suppliers don't stock the amount of insulators we have on hand, and many cities were being told it would take distributors four

to six weeks to fill their order."

Fiola said most of the insulators were sent to Broken Arrow and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and some went to Little Rock, Arkansas.

"During the crisis, we were here filling orders, sometimes until 7:30 at night," she said.

The insulators were trucked from Stennis to the distressed areas, she said.

Fiola added, "Of course, locally year-round, we also supply Coast Electric and Mississippi Power. We like to keep a large inventory on hand in the event of a hurricane or other serious weather," said Fiola.

She said the insulators, which are essential to getting electrical transformers back on line, are shipped into the Port of New Orleans from Brazil, then trucked to Pan American's warehouse at Stennis.

The owners of Pan

American Insulators, decided more than a year ago to move their operations from Gretna on the west bank of Jefferson Parish. The Fiolas live in Diamondhead, and struck up a relationship with Port Commissioner Lou Hall.

Fiola, a licensed pilot, later met Hal Walters, director of Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission, who is also a licensed pilot.

Over a period of a year or so, Walters started making a pitch to the Fiolas to relocate their business to the airport.

The Fiolas later purchased 1.7 acres at the corner of Road D and Texas Flat Road at the airport from the commission, and have since built an 8,000-square-foot warehouse. It officially opened last June, and the Fiolas report business out of Stennis has been good.

## Bust -- 96 pounds

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the top linear and with a flash light saw packages wrapped in duct tape," Grice said.

The driver of the vehicle submitted a South Carolina driver's license that listed his name as Charles Henry Moncrief, age 50. He was later lodged in the Hancock County Justice Facility in lieu of a \$100,000 bond. He is charged with possession with intent to deliver.

The van was then transported to the justice facility and a host of state troopers began to search the vehicle.

Troopers assisting Dorr and Grice included, Lt. Howard Potts, district director of Criminal Patrol; Stephen Beale and Dale DeCamp, in addition to other MPH Troopers and investigators.

Shane Corr, a member of the Bay St. Louis Police Department on loan to HIDA (High Intensity Drug Apprehension), was also called to the scene and helped in checking out the vehicle.

The van's interior had several large speakers filling up the space, and as one trooper said, "Probably to keep a dog from being able to reach the top of the vehicle."

The marijuana was shrink-wrapped inside a layer of a very odorous yellow mustard plant, all of which was very tightly wrapped with duct tape. It was separated into in several different packages of various weights.

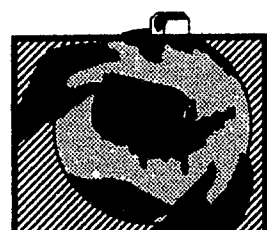
Grice said the mustard was probably to keep dogs from locating the drugs.

Troopers later found

paperwork in the van listing Moncrief as the owner and he indicated to them that he was traveling from Texas to South Carolina.

Friday afternoon, Grice said that MPH was in the process of seizing the vehicle; also, the driver had been arrested numerous times in connection with transportation of cocaine and marijuana, Grice said.

Hancock Sheriff Steve said, "The marijuana's street value ranged from \$800 to \$1,300 a pound, placing the value on the haul from \$76,000 to \$124,800."



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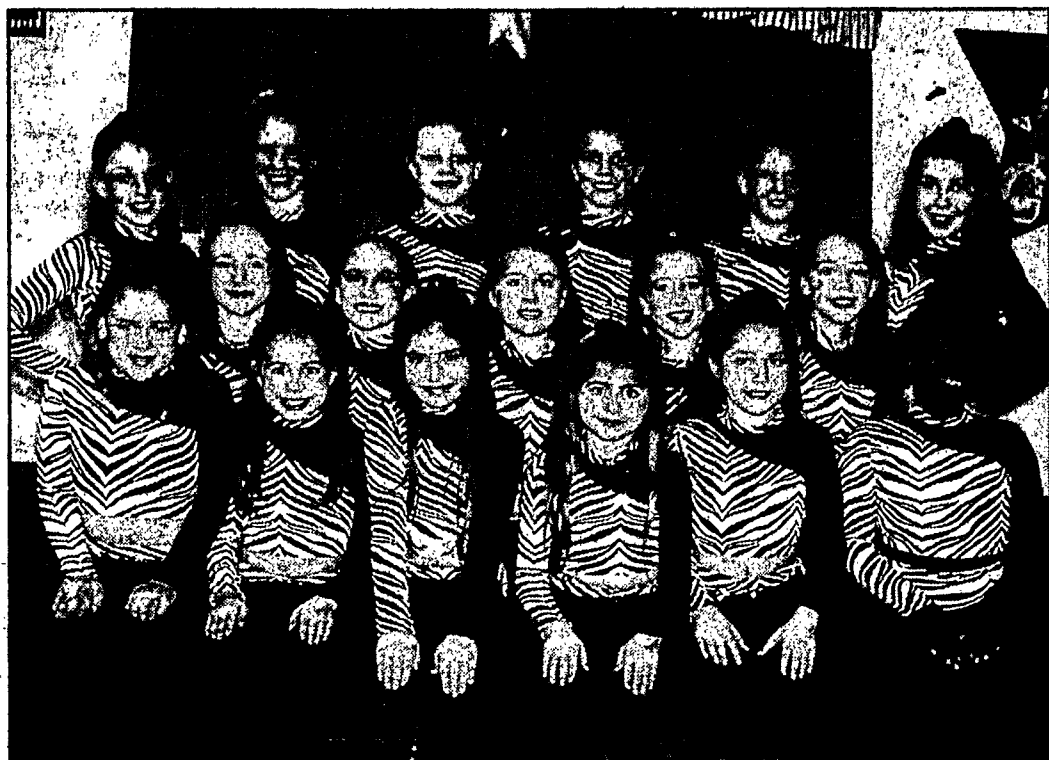
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## Arabesque competes



The Arabesque Dance Team from the Arabesque School of Dance will be competing in the Contest of Champions National Dance Competition in Disney World Feb. 21. The school is under the direction of Karen Compretta. The Arabesque Dance Team is instructed by Miranda Compretta. Dancers include, front row, Whitley Lawler, Rainee Davis, Alii Gosclinski, Mattison Scardino, Kaitlen Collins and Shelby King; middle row, Shelby Rigby, Victoria Lusco, Camille Keith, Danielle LeBlanc and Cassie Holzhauser; back row, Katie Morris, Brooke Moran, Aubrey Hamm, Starlyn Favre, Hope Walley and Alexa Smith.

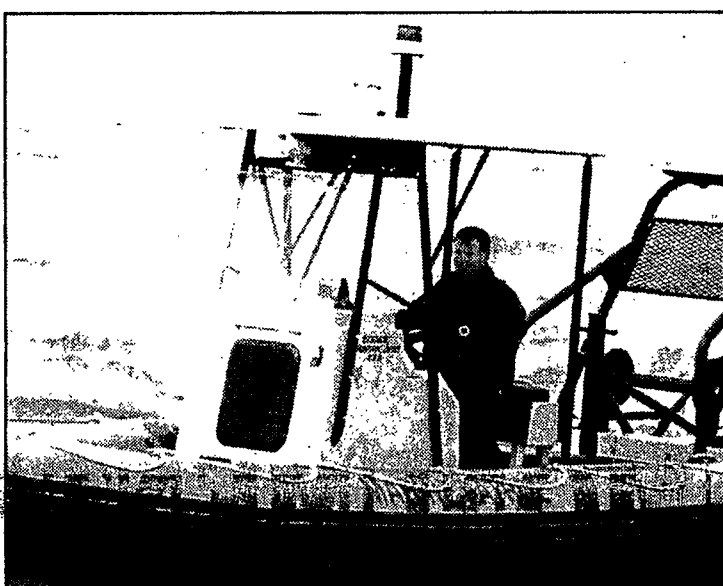
## State Marine Patrol aids feds in law enforcement

BILOXI – Search and rescue, drug enforcement, home port security and other marine law enforcement activities have gone high-tech thanks to the new State Marine Patrol vessel acquired through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NOAA/NMFS is also funding advanced marine training for all State Marine Patrol officers.

The vessel and the training were given to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) as part of the Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) with NOAA/NMFS which went into effect August 2001 to enforce all federal and state laws pertaining to fisheries in state and federal waters.

The new vessel, a 23-foot Zodiac Hurricane, hit the water in December, using Global Positioning System (GPS) plotting and radar. GPS plotting allows the officer to mark the longitude and latitude of where a violation occurred.

The vessel is equipped with a complete law enforcement package, including blue lights, siren, VHF radio and two 150-horsepower OMC outboard motors. The vessel also has inflatable sides to protect vessels when they get in close proximity.



State Marine Patrol Pvt. Andy Ryals tests the waters in Biloxi Bay with the DMR's new 23-foot Hurricane Zodiac given to the DMR as part of its Joint Enforcement Agreement with NOAA/NMFS.

The value of the vessel, the trailer and the equipment is about \$100,000.

"The new vessel will help us manage our fishery resources through marine law enforcement in both state and federal waters," said State Marine Patrol Col. Terry Bakker. "It's a welcome addition to our fleet."

The advanced training was held at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Ga. The FLETC is the nucleus of advanced training for 72 different federal agencies.

Officers attending the FLETC learn more about

plotting, charting, boardings and custody proceedings on marine waters.

Twenty State Marine Patrol officers have completed the training to date, and seven more will attend training Feb. 10-March 8.

The State Marine Patrol provides marine enforcement of federal and state laws, and the ordinances of the Commission on Marine Resources for the protection, propagation, preservation or conservation of Mississippi's seafood, aquatic life and associated coastal wetland habitats.

The State Marine Patrol became an entity of the DMR on July 1, 1999.



From left, NOAA/NMFS Office of Law Enforcement Special Agent Gene Proulx, State Marine Patrol Col. Terry Bakker, NOAA/NMFS Office of Law Enforcement Special Agent Dave McKinney and NOAA attorney Karen Raine. NOAA/NMFS representatives deliver a new 23-foot Hurricane Zodiac to the Department of Marine Resources. The new vessel will be used to enforce all federal and state laws pertaining to fisheries in state and federal waters as part of the DMR's Joint Enforcement Agreement with NOAA/NMFS.

### Correction

New Bay-Waveland Schools Board of Trustees member Bob Allen was accidentally misquoted in a recent Sea Coast Echo article. Allen was quoted as comparing the Bay St. Louis school district to Waveland, when he was actually comparing the Bay-Waveland school district to Pass Christian's.

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## Libraries' story hours

"President's Day" will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m. *Arthur Meets the President* and *George Washington's Cows* will be the books read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making a Severe Weather Week craft.

"Pizza Pie Surprise" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

*Pizza Party*, *Pete's A Pizza and Hi, Pizza Man* are the books to be read during the program. Children will make their own paper pizza and receive a Severe Weather Week color sheet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one-half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity. Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group. For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

## D'head Women's Club 2002 Spring Art Fling

Diamondhead Women's Club has set the date for their eighth Spring Art Fling Sunday, April 7 at the Diamondhead Country Club between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Booth fee is \$25. Proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and The Alzheimer's Foundation.

Anyone wishing to exhibit or needs further information, call Earlene Kornman at 228-255-6921.

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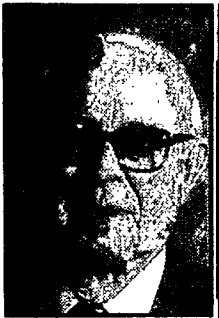
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's February *Business After Hours* is set for Thursday, February 21, 5 to 7 p.m. at Coast Electric's Crew Room on Main Street behind the Shell Service Station.

Coast Electric is the sponsor of the *After Hours* and whenever they sponsor one, there is very good snacks and refreshments.

Chamber members are asked to bring a couple business cards, as there will be drawings for door prizes.

The *After Hours* is always a time to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

I hope to see you at the February *Business After Hours* Thursday evening.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee is in the process of gearing up for the year.

The first meeting of the group will be held Tuesday morning, 10 a.m., at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's office, 412 Highway 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis, next to The Peoples Bank.

You do not need to be a member of the chamber to participate and all residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

There are several ongoing, as well as new projects that will be discussed for this year.

If you need further information, give me a call at 467-5474, or the chamber's office at 467-9048.

The big cleanup will be held September 21, when join the International Coastal Cleanup.

We will keep you informed as the time nears.

Congratulations are in order for our neighbor a couple doors down, Dave Truetel, Jr., Truetel Insurance Agency, upon being named president of the Partners for Stennis, a non-profit organization founded in 1995 to help create a better understanding of the economic, technical and educational value of the John C. Stennis Space Center.

Dave has been very active and involved with Partners for Stennis since its inception. Other officers are, Vice-president, Hal Walters, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission executive director; Treasurer, Clayton Harper, Northrop Grumman; Secretary, Larry Bennett, Mississippi Power Company; Alternate secretary/treasurer, Randy Holland, University of New Orleans; Past President, Roy Keller, Louisiana Business & Technology Center/LSU; other board of directors are, Jon Ritten, Coast Delta Realty; Cindy Knoblock, Whitney Bank; Brenda Reine, Slidell Chamber of Commerce; Tom Keenan, Keenan Staffing, Inc.; and Chuck Benvenuti, Benvenuti, CPA.

As you can see, we have a lot of representation from Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River Counties and St. Tammany Parish involved in Partners for Stennis.

Partners for Stennis is a great organization and does a fine job in assisting the John C. Stennis Space Center.

## Get ready: The energy debate resumes

Despite uncertain energy prices, the events of Sept. 11, and an increasing number of unemployed Americans, the U.S. Senate has failed repeatedly to address the energy question, even though it is a pressing matter of national security.

Hopefully this will change as the Senate resumes the energy policy debate this month. This time, I hope we can produce America's first comprehensive national energy policy which will make our nation dramatically less dependent on foreign oil and create thousands of jobs in the process.



## FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator  
Trent Lott

Conventional wisdom would have you believe there are two mutually exclusive approaches to the energy question: conservation or more domestic production.

However, many people, including myself, believe America can do both. Indeed, to find a real solu-

tion to the energy question we must find a balance between conservation and domestic production.

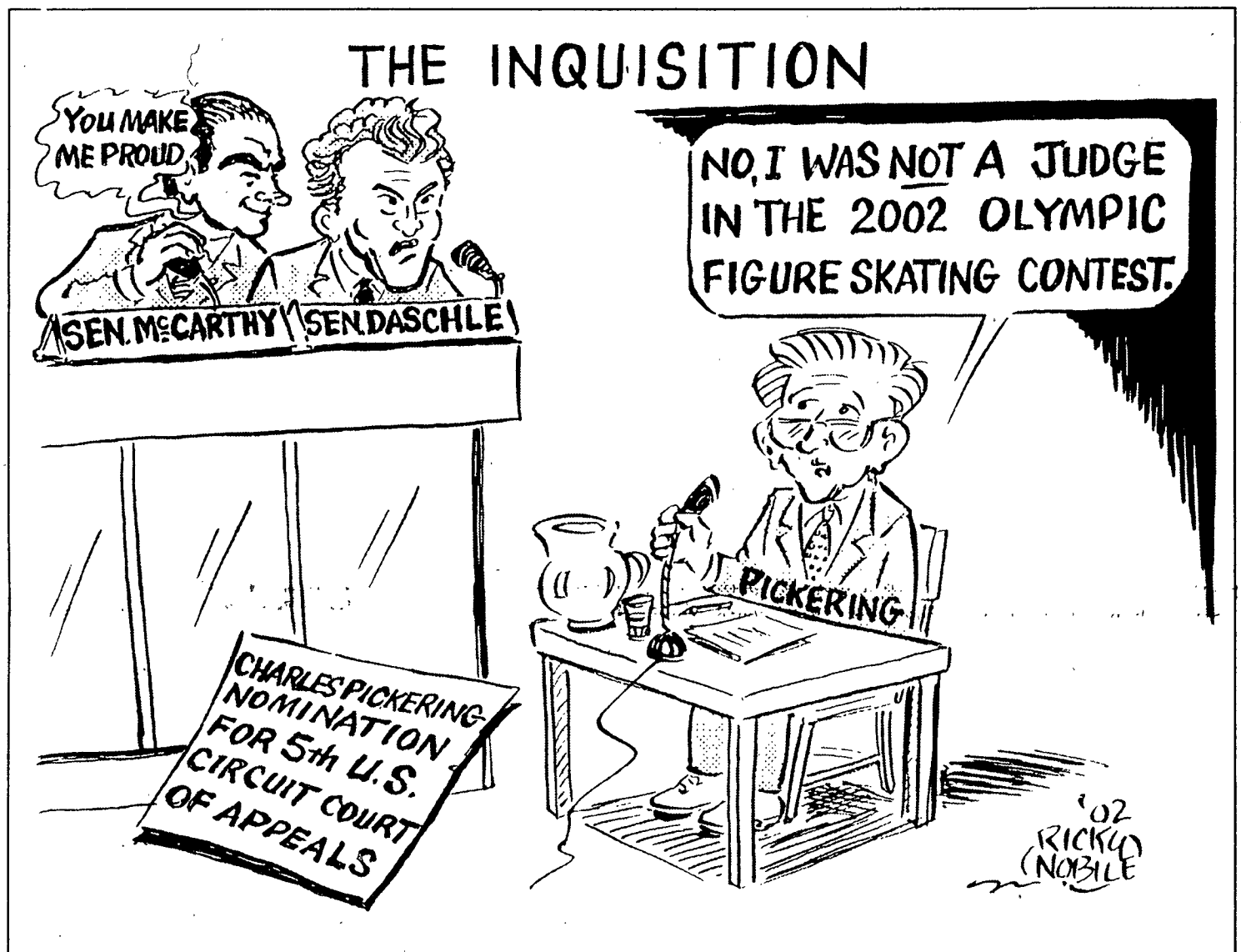
Most Americans of all political persuasions, including those of us in Congress, actually agree that America must become drastically less dependent on foreign oil.

We also agree that Americans must conserve energy and that manufacturers of energy consuming items must always look toward better energy efficiency.

However, it is the concept of new domestic energy production on which we disagree. Many on the left simply cannot accept that America needs to tap its vast energy resources and become less dependent on nation's like Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia for oil.

The technology to cleanly retrieve our energy is undeniable, and so is the amount

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## Let's all support a good neighbor policy

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to convey our concern about the request from St. Stanislaus for a Special Exception to our R-3 Zoning Ordinance.

Their request to construct a "transportation garage" directly across the street from our home and those of our neighbors has not been well received for many reasons.

In addition to the negative impact of the aesthetics of an open bus and boat barn where buses, cars, and boats would be repaired and maintained, we would also be faced with environmental, safety, and health concerns from dust, noise, fumes and spills, and the fear of significant fire hazards from an above-ground 2000-gallon fuel storage tank that would be located about 100 feet from our front door.

Oh yes, did I mention the concerns about increased traffic at the corner of Union and Hancock streets, which is already a very heavily traveled, dangerous intersection?

We have spent almost three years renovating our property on Union Street that many local residents refer to as the "Palm House."

We have put a lot of hard work, long hours and much of our retirement income into this 100+ year old home to lovingly restore it to its

historical significance.

With much encouragement and support from the community and city and business leaders, we are in the process of re-opening this home as a Bed and Breakfast that we can share with both the local community and others who visit the Bay, because it truly is "A Place Apart."

How will we be able to attract guests to a home that offers the same scenery as a large metropolitan area with environmental issues such as fumes, noise, and traffic problems?

Like others in this residential area, we are most concerned about the negative impact of this proposed facility on the value of our property, as well as the "domino effect" on other property in the community.

Please understand that we are in no way opposed to the growth and further development of St. Stanislaus and the wonderful benefits they bring to the youth and community.

We simply request that they consider how we can co-exist in the community and work together to make Bay St. Louis a better place for everyone.

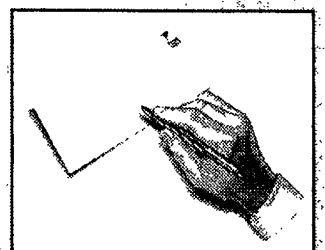
There are other available properties owned by St. Stanislaus that are already zoned for the type of operational facility needed to service their equipment,

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## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



## Waveland Cemetery becoming a garbage dump

Dear Editor,  
As a native of Hancock County and Waveland, I feel the need to write this letter to inform the mayor, board of aldermen, city manager and the people of Waveland and others who have loved ones buried in Waveland Cemetery of the mess of this cemetery.

I am a frequent visitor to the city, and I always visit the cemetery where I have loved ones buried. Once this was a beautiful, well-groomed cemetery that now looks like a city dump.

Consequently, on the east side there are old crocks, huge pipes, old stoves, discarded refrigerators, and huge tree stumps dumped

there. On the other hand, on the west side it looks like another dump. For example, there are old cars and trash.

Please don't tell me this garbage is used as landfill to enlarge the cemetery. If so, you will never dig a grave in this mess. Consequently, I am beginning to get the idea that our deceased are buried in the middle of a garbage dump. I know these people deserve more than this.

Please get your act together and get your city employees to clean up the Waveland Cemetery.

Mrs. Yolanda Cantrell  
St. Martin, Miss.

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## Lott -- energy

available within our own borders. For instance, in the coming weeks you will again be hearing more debate on whether America should obtain natural gas and oil from Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR), which contains untold amounts of oil and natural gas.

Some environmental special interest groups have made this plan a rallying cry for their cause, fostering false notions that exploration in ANWR will create an environmental catastrophe. In reality, their fears are unfounded.

ANWR consists of about 19 million acres of land, which is about the size of South Carolina -- pretty big. However, from an energy

standpoint, only a fraction of this vast land would be impacted by exploration -- a minuscule 2,000 acres.

Most Mississippians know that 2,000 acres is not a lot of property. In fact it is about the same acreage needed for the new Nissan plant in Madison County, or about the size of a typical Mississippi Delta farm.

You will hear much about nuclear power in this debate -- also a usual target of the anti-energy crowd, even though nuclear power is an ultra clean source of energy.

Nuclear power plants do not emit the greenhouse gas emissions which has been debatably associated with global warming.

The far left often like to point to the socialist soci-

eties of Europe as an model for the U.S. to follow. In this instance I would agree. France derives about 80 percent of its energy from nuclear plants. No matter what our political views may be, we all need energy. Most Americans, most Europeans, most Asians and indeed most people outside the Third World are not prepared to give up the energy consuming devices which have created and indeed sustain the modern quality of life we all enjoy.

Both sides of the energy debate begin this process with a general agreement about the basic ideas of increased efficiency, more conservation, and less dependence on foreign energy sources.

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We simply need to find common ground on the domestic production question. If we do, we can produce a lasting, long-term energy plan for this country.

This plan will increase our national security, make us less beholden to questionable foreign governments for oil, and provide jobs throughout our nation.

I look forward to the energy debate, and I hope my colleagues in the Senate will join me in support of America's first National Energy Policy.

• *Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office)*

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and we would ask that they look at these alternative locations as a solution to these issues and concerns.

Like St. Stanislaus, we have tried to contribute to the community in our own way, through work, volunteer activities, church, education, and most of all, out tax dollars.

We believe the additional tax dollars generated by a B&B would benefit the community as much as ourselves. And how do we protect the integrity of our zoning ordinances for future community development if this Special Exception is approved?

If residents of Bay St. Louis are interested in expressing concerns about

this issue and how it could happen in your own neighborhood, we encourage everyone to attend the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

You are welcome to view the proposed site from our front porch to get a full view of the significance of this issue.

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## From the House

by Gene Taylor  
U.S. House of Representatives

## Anthrax slows mail, but your input is important

### Other Ways To Contact Me

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, anthrax was contained in a letter sent to the U.S. Senate on Oct. 15.

Immediately on that date, all mail deliveries to the U.S. House and Senate were suspended. All mail that had already been received by the House and Senate post offices was removed from the Capitol complex and taken to a decontamination facility by the FBI.

Since then all incoming mail intended for Congress is first taken to an irradiation facility for treatment prior to delivery to the Hill.

Shortly after Christmas small amounts of mail started to trickle into my Washington office. Last week I received some letters that were mailed the first two weeks of October.

If you mailed a letter to my Washington office in early October or later, you may be assured that I will answer your letter as soon as it arrives.

When mail delivery to Capitol Hill was originally stopped on Oct. 15, I had no idea it would take this long before regular mail delivery resumed.

As a handful of letters are starting to be delivered, it does not include anything but first class, flat envelopes. Even FedEx and UPS are unable to resume delivery to House and Senate offices at this time.

However, getting input from the people of the Fifth Congressional District is very important to me.

There are still many ways to let me hear your views on various issues.

First, you can call or fax your questions and views to any of my congressional offices: Washington, D.C. (202) 255-5772, fax (202) 255-7074

Gulfport, (228) 864-7670, fax (228) 864-3099

Hattiesburg, (601) 582-3246, fax (601) 582-3452

Ocean Springs, (228) 872-7950, fax (228) 872-7949

If calling any of my district offices is not a local call for you, I have an 800 number that will connect you to the nearest district office. That number is 1-800-273-4364. While mail to Washington was suspended and delayed, many people still kept in contact with my by e-mail. If you would like to contact me through e-mail, you can visit my web site. The address is [www.house.gov/genetaylor](http://www.house.gov/genetaylor).

After you are at the site, click on the "Write Your Representative" or go directly to the [www.house.gov/writerep/](http://www.house.gov/writerep/) web site and follow the instructions.

The "Write Your Representative" service is provided to assist citizens in finding and contacting their members of the U.S. House of Representatives. To identify and write me:

1. Select your state.
2. Enter the first 5 digits of your ZIP Code.
3. Click on the "Submit" button.

Also, from now until next October, I plan to have at least two town meetings in every county in the Fifth Congressional District.

These town meetings give me an opportunity to listen to what is important to the people of South Mississippi. In addition, I have members of my staff at each town meeting, and they can help people who have problems with individual federal agencies.

The town meetings are well publicized in advance in local newspapers and on television and radio. If you want, you can even contact the district office that is closest to you, and they will notify you of the next town meeting in your area.

In closing, whatever way to contact me is more convenient for you, I hope you will continue to let me know your feelings on the issues that are most important to you.

## Young Eagles at D'head

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 479 will sponsor another Young Eagles Flight at Diamondhead Airport Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free flights will be

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## Obituaries

**ANN BALL**  
**MILDRED HILL**  
**LAWRENCE HOLT**  
**WM. MCELHINEY**  
**C. RODRIGUEZ**  
**JAMES RYAN**  
**Z. STOCKSTILL JR.**  
**MARIE VARNADO**

**ANN BALL**  
 Ann Ball, 63, of Diamondhead, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ball was born in Paducah, Ky., and had been a resident of Diamondhead since September 1999. She was a member of Diamondhead United Methodist Church and retired as an insurance claims specialist with Army Air Force Exchange Services in Dallas after 32 years of service. She was a former 22-year resident of Biloxi.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Reidath Griffith; and a son, Michael W. Ball.

Survivors include her husband, Don Ball of Diamondhead; a daughter, Pamela K. Montalbano of Marrero; a sister, Donna Thomasson of Valrico, Fla.; a brother, Kenneth Griffith of San Antonio; and a grandson.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday at D'Iberville Memorial Park under the direction of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**MILDRED HILL**  
 Mildred Hill, 76, of Kiln, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**LAWRENCE HOLT**  
 Lawrence T. "Tim" Holt, 70, of Diamondhead, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, in Slidell.

Mr. Holt was a native of Minden, La. and a resident of Diamondhead since 1989. He retired from Delta Airlines after 30 years. He was a graduate of Fairpark High School before serving in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was past president and member of the DMGA and past Commodore and member of the Diamondhead Boaters Association and the American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L. E. and Mary S. Holt; a sister, Nelwyn Heughan; and a granddaughter, Elisha Holt.

Survivors include his wife, Mauréen Connors Holt of Diamondhead; sons Sean Holt of Danville, Ind. and Kevin Holt of Metairie; a daughter, Kelley Holt of Metairie; and grandsons

Henry and Travis Myers of Metairie.

Funeral services will be private and conducted at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**WM. MCELHINEY**  
 William Krohmer "Bill" McElhiney, 86, of Bay St. Louis, died last week.

Mr. McElhiney was born in New Orleans. He was a professional musician and toured around the country during the Big Band Era. He copied arrangements for a while for the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

He later moved to Nashville, where, as a long-time member of ASCAP, he wrote, arranged and played in many recording sessions for diverse artists such as Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Floyd Cramer, patsy Cline, Ray Charles and others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira McElhiney and Margaret Schilling McElhiney; and sisters Margaret, Dorothy, Edna and Alice.

Survivors include his wife, Leona Christine; son, Bill; daughter-in-law Jane; grand-daughter Bridget; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at noon on Monday, Feb. 18, at Grace Lutheran Church in Long Beach, where friends may call after 11:30 a.m. Burial will be private. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**C. RODRIGUEZ**  
 Charles J. Rodriguez, 71, of Ocala, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002.

A native of New Orleans, he moved to Ocala from Pearlinton in 1999 where he had lived for 20 years. Mr. Rodriguez retired from the New Orleans Fire Department after 21 years as a captain and was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was an avid Cajun storyteller and was service manager with River Crest Distributors. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn S. Doll.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Rodriguez of Ocala; a son, Charles R. Scallan of Tampa; a daughter, Patrice St. Clair of Pearlinton; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Florida Cremation Society in Ocala was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES RYAN**  
 James A. "Jimmy" Ryan, 80, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Ryan was a native of New Orleans and a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He attended and was graduated in 1939 from St. Stanislaus College. He owned and operated his accounting business in the Gulf Coast area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John J. and Olga Armstrong Ryan.

Survivors include his wife, Nathalie Buehler Ryan of Bay St. Louis; four sons, Dr. Michael James Ryan of Pass Christian, Patrick Joseph Ryan of Waveland, Timothy Aloysius Ryan of Hattiesburg and James M. Ryan of Long Beach; daughters Susan Ryan Estrade of Bay St. Louis and Theresa Marie Ryan of Waveland; a brother, John J. Ryan Jr. of Waveland; a sister, Mary Lucilla "Noonie" Fitzgibbon of Iron Mountain, Mich.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church followed by celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Saltillo Mission in Mexico, c/o Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

**Z. STOCKSTILL JR.**  
 Zealious Stockstill Jr., 73, of Picayune, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in Picayune.

Mr. Stockstill was a life-

long resident of Picayune. He was employed as a carpenter and was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Jean Cuevas of Pass Christian and Sheila Ann Dedeaux; a brother, Dovel Stockstill; a sister, Delores Williams, all of Picayune; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday in the chapel of McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune followed by burial in Old Palestine Cemetery.

**MARIE VARNADO**  
 Mary Louise Varnado, 89, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Varnado was a native and resident of Pass Christian. She was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian. She was one of the first black women to receive certification in the Head Start Program, where she was employed for five years. She was employed with the City of Jackson and later returned to school to receive her BS degree in social work. She was employed as a social worker until she retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Varnado; a son, Warren Varnado Sr.; two daughters, Jody Varnado and Marie Varnado; a sister, Alyce Mills; and a grandson, Carlos Roberts Sr.

Survivors include six sons, William Peter Varnado of Magnolia, Spellman Varnado of Pass Christian, Robert Varnado Jr., George Varnado and Emmanuel "Ricky" Varnado of Hamden, Conn.; two daughters, Janet Varnado Hunter of Hamden, and Stephanie Varnado of Jackson; a longtime companion, Josephine Bowser of Pass Christian; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery in Pass Christian under the direction of J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

## AARP to meet Monday

Chapter 1114 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet Monday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. in the American Legion Hall

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Members are urged to attend, and guests are welcome.



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## Ladner is Fair queen



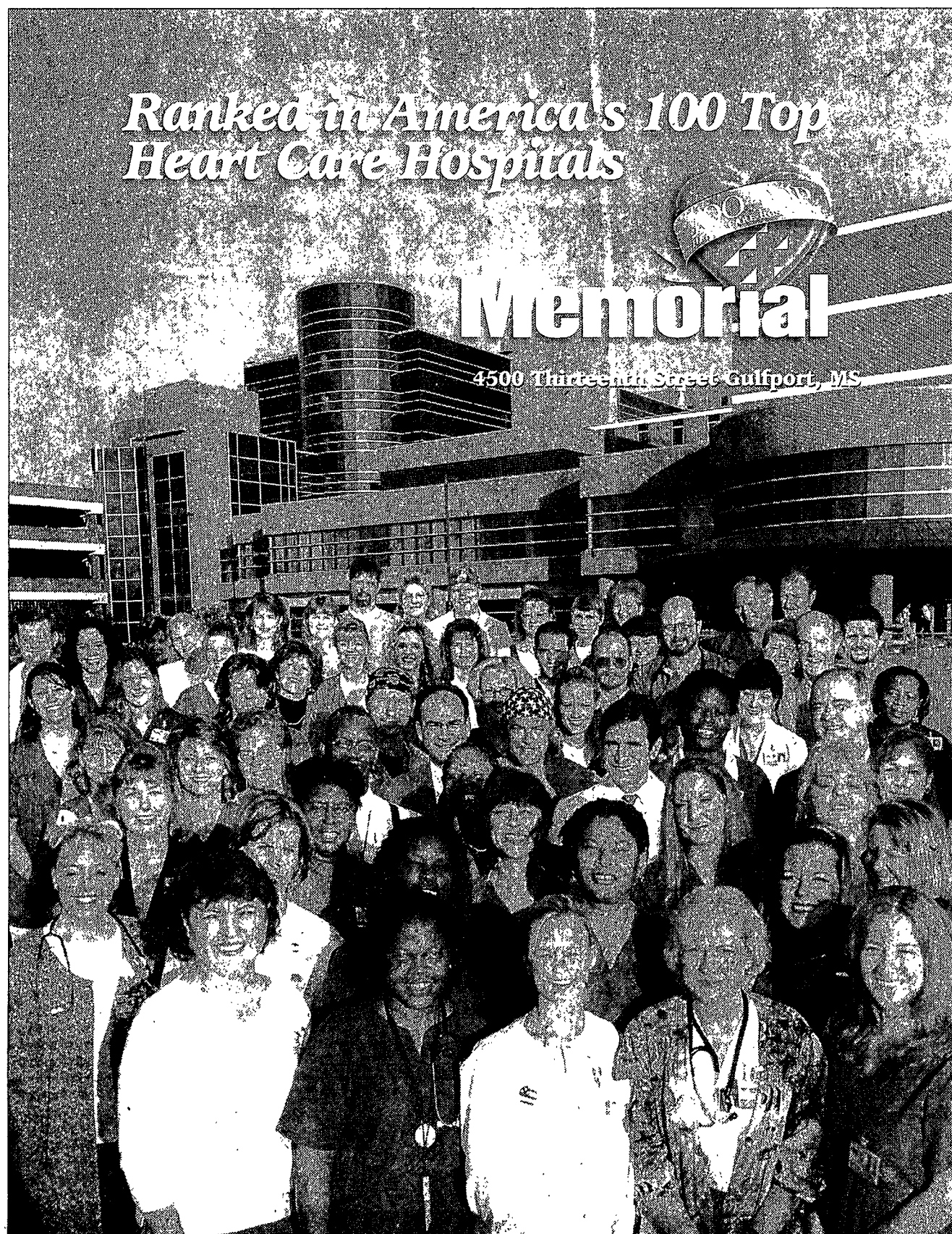
**Brooke Ladner**

Brooke Ladner, daughter of Brian and Bridgette Ladner of Kiln, was selected as queen of the Hancock County Fair in October.

Ladner will reign for one year as county queen before turning over her crown for 2002's county fair.

She was selected from essays turned in describing her 4-H experience. Ladner is a member of the Horns and Hooves 4-H Club in Kiln. She is a cheerleader at Hancock Middle School and a member of the CYO at Annunciation Church.

For information on 4-H Club, call Wade at 467-5456.



## Memorial Heart Team receives recognition

In a study released by Solucient, the leading source of health care intelligence and benchmark information, Memorial Hospital was named to the **"Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success."** This annual study names organizations that are among the best performing hospitals for treating heart attacks and cardiovascular disease with mortality and complication rates as much as 27 percent lower than other hospitals. The study also analyzes specific procedures and conditions including Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) and Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA).

"We believe we provide excellent patient care and being recognized by this study reinforces our belief," said Jim Kaigler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hospital.

To learn the details, log onto <http://www.100TopHospitals.com>. Look for "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success" hospitals and a summary of the report.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Singleton to direct diversity program

MGM Mirage has created a corporate diversity program at Beau Rivage Resort and named Maurice Singleton director of diversity.

As director of diversity, Singleton is responsible for aligning Beau Rivage with MGM Mirage's corporate diversity goals as they relate to human resources, purchasing, contracting and diversity relations.

Singleton will serve as Beau Rivage's advisor and spokesperson on minority issues, as well as develop mentoring programs and identify minority advancement pathways.

One of the key objectives of this newly created position includes workforce development — making opportunities for career growth and development accessible to all employees at all levels of the company.

Singleton will oversee

efforts to ensure the number of minority supervisors and managers reflect the population of South Mississippi. This will be done through recruitment outreach, promotion from within the company, and leadership development.

Another significant element of the diversity program will be to improve and maximize minority vendor relationships. Beau Rivage's goal is to actively seek goods and services from minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises, developing partnerships with community organizations and establishing a master database of suppliers.

Under Singleton's leadership, Beau Rivage diversity

initiatives will include sponsorship of events that promote diversity in all aspects of business, being an advocate for diversity by participation in local, state and national organizations, attending local and national events that enhance diversity and by advertising with ethnic media outlets.

"My goal is to develop and promote an environment that works for all employees as well as for the vendors that want to do business with us," Singleton explained. "Research shows that there are very favorable business results when companies value diversity in the workforce as well as with suppliers."

Singleton, a former student, admissions counselor



Maurice Singleton

and teacher at the University of South Mississippi, brings a broad range of experience to the position, including work in education, sales and publishing.

Prior to his position at Beau Rivage, Singleton published the Mississippi Star, a regional magazine he developed and published for five years.

Singleton and his wife Vonretta reside in Bay St. Louis. They have three sons — Maurice III, Michael and Marquez, and three grandchildren — Rahim, Christian and Ayanna.

He is a 1971 graduate of Bay High School and is the son of Maurice and Georgia Singleton of Bay St. Louis.

Singleton is active in the community and his extensive volunteer work includes serving on the following boards: Christmas in April, Hancock County Medical Center Foundation, Goodwill in April, Hancock County Medical Center Foundation, Goodwill Industries and United Way of South Mississippi. He also is a former member of the People's Bank of Biloxi advisory board.

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She was previously with Dryades Mortgage when the Gulfport office opened in 1995 and worked at Whitney Bank and Wells Fargo Mortgage.

She is on the board of directors for the Gulf Coast Chapter of Mortgage Bankers of Mississippi, past

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Nancy Buckley-Ladner

book on the basics of mortgage lending, and is approved by Mississippi Home Corporation to counsel with first-time homebuyers.

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## SPORTS

## SSC, Lady Tigers &amp; Lady Hawks all claim titles on the basketball court

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Division 8 Class 4A tournament is over and Hancock County is well represented with two titles. The Bay High Lady Tigers defeated the homestanding Gautier Lady Gators 53-42 for the championship. In the boys title game, the Rock-a-chaws of St. Stanislaus surged late to overcome the pesky Bulldogs of Vanceleave 61-54. Both games were played at Gautier High School on Friday, February 15.

The Bay High Tigers went up early in the first period and quickly put the game out of question. At the end of the first period, the score was 18-11 in favor of the Lady Tigers.

Bay High played tenacious defense to hold Gautier to just seven points in the second period and increase their lead to 34-18 by halftime. The Lady Tigers (23-7) were without starter Carmen Labat who injured her leg the night before. While Labat was out of commission, the Lady Tigers were able to give some younger players game experience in a championship game. That opportunity should become very valuable for Bay High down the stretch in the state playoffs.

The second half was more defense by Bay High's younger players as they maintained their lead over the Lady Gators. Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "With Carmen Labat out of the lineup, it took us out of sync a little bit. However, I thought we played good defense tonight and we got some younger players very valuable minutes in a big game. Stephanie Reed had some big outside shots for us while Kendra Reed had a much better game down low. LaMonica James was tough inside, as well. I thought that everyone contributed to the win tonight."

Stephanie Reed led the Lady Tigers with 18 points with four three-pointers.

Kendra Reed poured in 13 points in the win.

The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Hornets of East Central 68-41 in the semi-finals to advance to the title game. Stephanie Reed and Felicia Thomas each scored 15 points to lead the Lady Tigers. Kendra Reed added 14 points in the game for Bay High.

Crystal Skretching, LaMonica James, and Stephanie Reed all made the Division 8 Class 4A team. Carmen Labat was honored with the Defensive MVP Award and Kendra Reed was named the Player of the Year for 2002. Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett was picked as Coach of the Year. Vioncka Frederick and Ashley Dedeaux were selected to represent Pass Christian on the girls All-Division team.

In the boys title game, the contest was a toss-up with less than 2:30 remaining in the game. Gabe Willis came up with a steal and a basket to give the Rocks (28-6) a 53-52 advantage heading into the final stretch. Darius Acker sank six consecutive free throws to put the icing on the cake for SSC and the 61-54 win.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "Gabe Willis, Cheick Sanankoua, and Zach Mellon all had huge defensive stops and steals that were the difference in this game. Give credit to Vanceleave, they fought extremely hard and had a great game plan. In the first half, we did get good looks at the basket. We were able to reverse that in the second half. We were more aggressive towards the basket in the third and fourth periods."

Vanceleave took to the Rocks early and often in the game. The Bulldogs led 10-7 at the end of the first period. The Rocks took a slim lead 26-22 at halftime following a Gabe Willis three-pointer with :02 left in the half.

The third period had the Rocks pressuring the basket and tallying a 44-41 lead

over the Bulldogs. Gerald Edmunson nailed a three-pointer to start the pivotal fourth period for Vanceleave and tied the score 44-44.

The Rocks got down three points 50-47 with 3:49 left to play and then they surged. Willis tallied a steal and a basket with 2:18 left to make the score 53-52. Sanankoua picked off an errant pass and scored a bucket with 1:42 left to put the Rocks up 55-52. Then, Zach Mellon had the biggest steal of the night on the inbound pass. Mellon dished off to Acker who was fouled and sank the next six consecutive charity shots to seal the win and the Division 8 title.

Mellon commented on his steal, "I tried to anticipate the pass and I made a good jump on it."

"We have all been working hard in practice. I never thought that I would get such a big chance to play as much as I did in the championship game. But, I just tried to my best for the team."

Darius Acker stated, "We have been really working on free throws and situations in practice. Vanceleave played extremely hard and took the fight to us. We settled down and adjusted to what they were doing in the second half."

Junior guard Gabe Willis commented on the win, "Vanceleave played a very tough game. We were not patient in the first half and were rushing everything. We settled down somewhat in the second half and played our game."

Darius Acker led the Rocks with 22 points while Willis added 21 points in the win. Willis and Acker both made the All-Division team. Sanankoua was selected at the Defensive MVP of the district. Pass Christian's Calvin Woods took home Player of the Year honors while Pirate head coach Buddy Kennedy was chosen as Coach of the Year.

Richard Dedeaux, Garland Stewart, and

Rueben Nichols all made the All-Division team with Woods. Eric Hunt and Zack Nichols made the team from Bay High.

SSC defeated Bay High 57-32 to advance to the championship game. Robert Smith led the Rocks with 10 points. However, Mario Faranda and Brett Amond added a spark off the bench against the Tigers. Faranda finished with 9 points, four rebounds, and one blocked shot. Amond collected 8 rebounds and six blocks on the defensive end for the Rocks. Bay High was led by Lorenzo Lewis with 9 points in the game.

Vanceleave defeated the number one seed Pass Christian Pirates 65-52 to advance to the title game. The Bulldogs simply outplayed the Pirates for the right to advance. The Bulldogs jumped on the Pirates early and held a 34-20 lead at halftime.

The Lady Tigers of Bay High will be hosting the loser of the Poplarville/South Jones game on Monday, February 18, at 7pm in the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium. The Rocks will host the George County Rebels on Tuesday, February 19, at 7pm in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium.

In other action, the Lady Hawks of Hancock defeated the Hattiesburg Lady Tigers 53-44 to claim the Class 5A district title. The Lady Hawks will also play a first-round South State game at Hawk Gym in Kiln on Monday, February 18 at 7pm. Scoring details of the Hancock Lady Hawks game were not available at press time.

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## Blythe Turner inks with Tusculum women's soccer

## SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Blythe Turner, a product of Bay Area Youth Soccer, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Tusculum College and play soccer for the Pioneers announced TC women's coach Mike Joy.

This year's signing class includes three strikers, a marking back, a defender and a mid-fielder. The six newcomers include Turner as the mid-fielder.

"We are very excited about our recruiting class," said Joy. "With the graduation of nine seniors, we had needs at striker, outside halfback and defender, and this class should step right in and make an immediate impact."

Blythe started her soccer interest in Bay St. Louis attending a starter program known as "Waddy's All-stars" coached by Waddy Lebourgeois.

Turner continued to play for various BAYS teams until her move to Slidell got her involved with the New Orleans Soccer Academy.

Since her U-13 year she has been playing for NOSA attending national tournaments that allowed college coaches a chance to follow



Blythe Turner has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer for the Tusculum College Pioneers.

players like Blythe until the final signing process.

"Even though I will be very far from home, I am very excited about the school, the team and the

coach. I'm really excited about playing in Hawaii," said Turner.

TC will open their season playing two teams in Hawaii with a stop in San Diego on the way back to play the number three-ranked team in the nation.

Tusculum College is a NCAA member of the South Atlantic Conference, which is comprised of eight colleges and universities in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Last season TC was crowned SAC champions, at one point climbing to the number seven spot in the national ranking polls.

Turner goes to TC with two performances in the Louisiana State High School semi-finals, two Premier Snickers State Cup championships, three-time member of the St. Tammany Parish All-District team, member Louisiana All-State team, two-time MVP for Northshore High School, and team captain of the NOSA U-17 team.

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The proposed project consists of constructing 85,000 L. F. of PVC Forced Main sewer line from Pearlinton Mississippi to Waveland Mississippi. This will allow Southern Regional Wastewater Management District to treat sewage collected from the town of Pearlinton. An alternative to the proposed project would be to take, "No Action." Taking - "No Action" will allow continued pollution and health hazards associated with the presently used individual septic systems.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Office, 132 Mayfair Rd. Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by March 10, 2002.

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# SPORTS

## String of Pearls to compete in nationals

### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Pearl River Community College's String of Pearls will travel to Orlando, Fla., Feb. 22-25 to compete in the 2002 United States Dance/Drill Team Championship.

The 15-member PRCC team qualified for the national competition by finishing first recently in the 2002 Mississippi State Dance/Drill Team Championship held at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

"When we get to Orlando, we will be competing against other junior colleges for the national championship," said Alison Pigott, 19, a sophomore from Picayune and captain and choreographer of the String of Pearls.

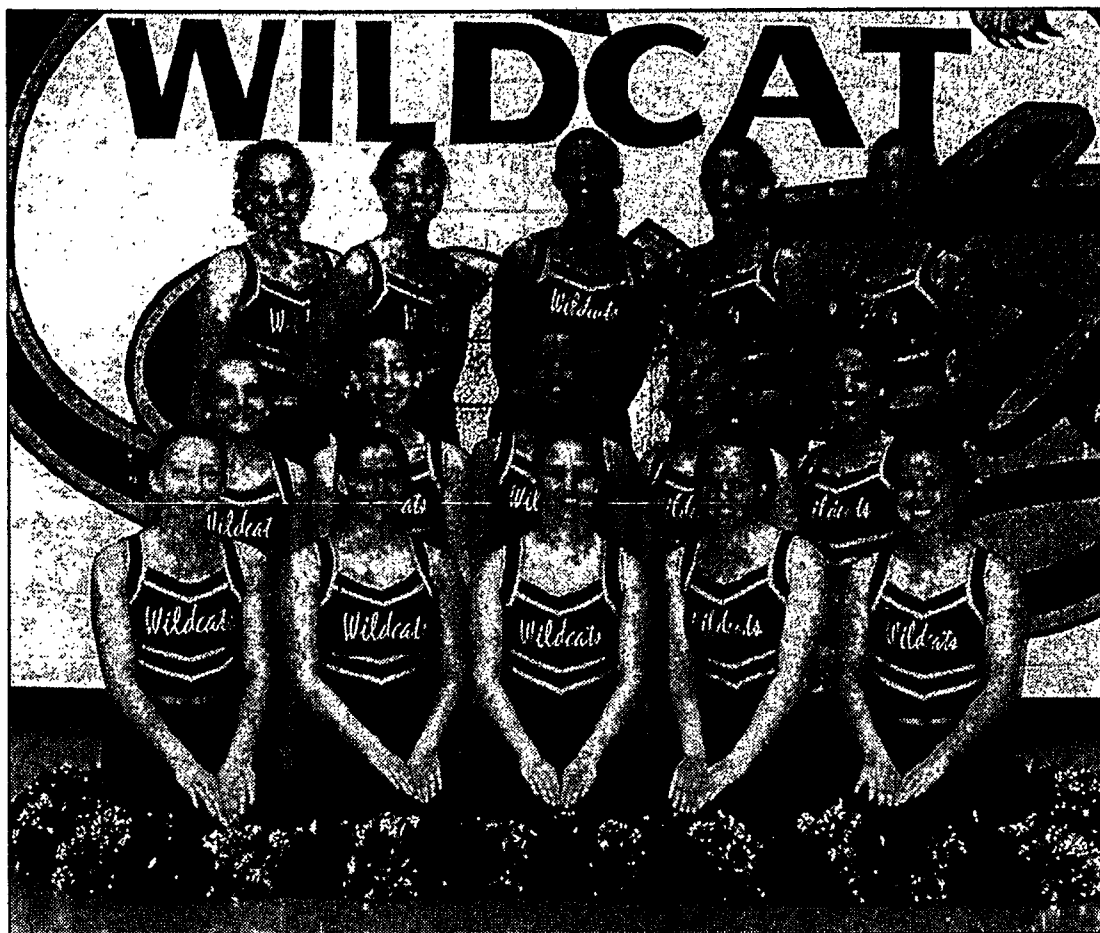
Pigott said String of Pearls members for the spring semester have worked hard to achieve success. They try out in the fall to make the spring team, even if they are on the fall String of Pearls. According to Pigott, they have to be able to do a more advanced routine.

"We practice Tuesdays and Thursdays for two hours," said Pigott. "It's a limited time compared to the fall String of Pearls, so we have to work extra hard during that two hours. We have no time for play. The girls understand that before they come in. They have a good work ethic and want to be the best."

In the state competition, the Pearls performed a two minute and 30-second pom routine that was judged highly on things like precision and degree of difficulty.

"We won the state championship because of their attitude," Pigott said. "They push everybody to be their best."

When the Pearls get to the national competition, they will be competing in



Members of the Pearl River Community College Spring 2002 String of Pearls who will be performing later this month in the 2002 United States Dance/Drill Team Championship in Orlando, Fla., include from left: Front row - Candace Lindsley of Hattiesburg, Idus Arcement of Picayune, Alison Pigott (captain) of Picayune, Roxanne Fletcher of Waveland and Ashley Foster of Bay St. Louis. Middle row Leigh Ann Smith of Picayune, Brooke Burge of Poplarville, Leslie Lee of Picayune, Jodi Tate of Picayune and Candace Mooney of Carriere. Back row - Jessica Melville of Bay St. Louis, Lindsey Miller of Picayune, Mandi Landry of Picayune, Natalie Woods of Picayune and Danielle Wheat of Picayune.

poms and jazz. Besides competing in the state and nationals contests the spring semester Pearls also perform at all home basketball games.

"These girls have really brought the level of performance to national standards," said

Archie Rawls, Fine Arts chairman and director of the String of Pearls. "We have been very fortunate to be able to attract quality dancers from our six-county area and expect this national exposure to increase interest in this program."

The String of Pearls also performed last year at Jazzland in New Orleans.

"We think this exposure for our String of Pearls is not only good for the college but it provides the students with opportunities to showcase their talents at the regional and national level," said Rawls.

The 2002 Spring Semester String of Pearls include:

Brooke Burge of Poplarville, Roxanne Fletcher of Waveland, Ashley Foster and Jessica Melville of Bay St. Louis, Candace Lindsley of Hattiesburg, Candace Mooney of Carriere, and Idus Arcement, Mandi Landry, Leslie Lee, Lindsey Miller, Leigh Ann Smith,

Jodi Tate, Danielle Wheat, Natalie Woods and Pigott of Picayune.

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## Hancock High volleyball banquet

On Jan. 24 the Hancock High School volleyball team held its annual end-of-the-year banquet to recognize students, parents, and faculty for their hard work and dedication.

Coach Denise Ladner presented awards to the following team members:

Players of the Week - Kandace Boos, Courtney Vincent, Jenna Parker, Amanda Fleetwood, Elyse Raymond, Deven Fejke, Sarah Wilkinson, Kate Craft, Hope Theabold, Tiffany Appel and Mandi Garnett

Varsity Top Scorers - Amanda Fleetwood, Mandi Garnett and Sarah Wilkinson  
Junior Varsity Top

Scorers - Tiffany Appel, Katrina Zahiner and Kandace Boos

First Year Awards - Amanda Fleetwood, Jada Ladner, Deven Fejke, Michelle Mathews and Courtney Vincent

Second Year Awards - Katrina Zahiner, Ashton Ruhr and Elyse Raymond

Third Year Awards - Allison Chauvin, Kandace Boos, Kate Craft and Tiffany Appel

Fourth Year Awards - Sarah Wilkinson and Brittany Peterson

Jackets - Jenna Parker and Hope Theabold

Senior Awards - Karolina Sarpowski and Amandia Garnett

Varsity Awards - Best

Offense - Amandia Garnett; Best Defense - Brittany Peterson; Most Improved - Karolina Sarnowski; Hawk Award - Sarah Wilkinson; Most Valuable Player - Amanda Fleetwood

Junior Varsity Awards - Best Offense - Kandace Boos; Best Defense - Allison Chauvin; Most Improved - Kate Craft; Hawk Award - Katrina Zahiner; Most Valuable Player - Tiffany Appel

Coach Denise Ladner extended a special thank-you to parents of the players and Don Moran, owner of Paradise Pizza and Steak, for taking time out of his busy schedule to grill the steaks for the volleyball banquet.

## Horses line up for \$25,000 contest

The Gulf Coast Winter Classics horse show will host the \$25,000 Legend Grand Prix at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Harrison County Fairgrounds.

At least 40 horses are expected to take part in the Olympic-style, fence-jumping competition.

Last week's RC Grand Prix winner was Lila LaVigne of Clinton.

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Other \$25,000 Grand Prix events are scheduled for Feb. 24 and March 3.

The closing weekend festival March 8-10 will fea-

ture the \$77,700 Michelob Gulf Coast Master's Tournament of Horse Show Jumping along with a \$5,000 dog agility competition.

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## Pass Ladies Golf results

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**  
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## Sewer -- forced hook-up

Friday.

"We would want to work with the District to provide us the names of all those in Hancock County who have been given official notice to hook up and who are not yet hooked up," said Travnick. "Once we verify who they are, we'll be asking the district to co-operate with us and join with us in filing affidavits against all those who have not complied."

Travnick said the alleged violations can either be heard before a judge in justice court or circuit court.

Maddox said resolution is pretty swift. "Just last week, we had the same situation in Jackson County where someone refused to hook up. The judge fined him \$200, plus court costs, and ordered him to hook

up," said Maddox.

Travnick was one of those involved in the original push to provide a sewerage system to areas of Hancock County south of Interstate 10, where septic tanks are failing because of unfavorable soil conditions. He has often praised the District for developing the plans and finding the funds to put a system in place that now serves 95 percent of the area.

"We're going to do everything we can to assist the district and remedy the situation in a timely manner and stop further pollution," said Travnick.

He said he is the first to admit the bureaucratic process allows some time between alleged violations and actual compliance. And,

he added often various agencies, such as the health department and the sewer and water district, are not in as close touch as they should be concerning individual cases.

"But, with everyone's cooperation, we're going to seal that crack," said Travnick. He said he is hopeful any court action will come swiftly after the affidavits are filed.

"We've never lost in court so far. We feel very confident in court," said Travnick. He said many times the alleged violators never show up in court and a judge issues a summary judgment in favor of the plaintiffs. Eddie Renz, Director of the Sewer and Water Department, said field compliance officers are

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still scouring the county to catch those who are not yet hooked up to the sewerage systems or those who might have hooked up without coming in to pay a \$35 permit fee, and therefore are not being charged a monthly \$35 sewer fee.

Latest estimates are about 250 residents have not hooked up in areas where the sewerage system is now in place, he said.

Renz says the district is currently providing sewerage collection to almost 4,000 county residents and some businesses south of I-10.

## Four oyster reefs reopen

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the reopening of the following Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Thursday, Feb. 14. • Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the South Rigolets, L'Isle Chaud, Jose Bayou, eastern portions of the North Rigolets, eastern portions of Southwest Bayou, eastern portions of Clay Bayou, eastern portions of Middle Bayou, the eastern portion of Jose Bay and the eastern portion of Point Aux Chenes Bay;

• Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters, including portions of the Henderson Point Reef and northern portions of the Pass Christian Reef;

• Area II "B"

Conditionally Approved Waters, including the St. Stanislaus Reef and Waveland Reef; and • Area II "C" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the northern portion of Pass Marianne reef and southern portions of the Pass Christian reef.

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## Schools -- cuts

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ble trimming of teachers outside the minimum budget program, and cutbacks in many other areas.

Stasny issued a list of cuts for the spring 2002 semester that bring home the seriousness of the lost funds.

All field trips, banquets, and guest speakers requiring district funding will be canceled. Teacher and administrative travel will be minimized to required meetings only. The district newsletter will be eliminated along with unnecessary phone lines. Summer school will be located in one facility in a general effort to conserve energy and utility expense. Maintenance will be reduced to address liability issues only. All purchase orders will require the approval of Stasny before issue. A district-wide end-of-the-year wrap-up session will be canceled.

Even students will be asked to join in the conservation efforts by picking up classroom trash to reduce overtime for janitors.

Predictions for the 2002/2003 school year could

mean even more cuts, Stasny said, requiring even more tightening of the belt, which could affect school activities more seriously. The worst case scenario is a \$111 million deficit statewide.

Teacher pupil ratio may increase. Positions across the board may be eliminated from teachers to administrators, to janitors, to cafeteria and maintenance personnel.

No positions are safe, Stasny said. Extracurricular activities could be reduced or eliminated along with nondistrict athletic events, field trips and out of state travel for competitions. A decrease in classroom supplies, textbooks and textbook upgrades may be necessary. A reduction in funds to alternative school and community education and an increase in the price of meals and local taxes are also a possibility.

Stasny said that personnel will be advised as decisions are made and that all other areas for savings will be explored before any trim-

ming of personnel will be considered. Final figures on funding will not be available until after the legislative session, probably sometime in April, Stasny said.

The problem is also going to have a severe effect on the Hancock County School District.

Hancock Superintendent for Education Mike Ladner told members of that school board last week that the state budget cuts could result in as much as a \$350,000 loss to the district.

Since as much as 80 percent of the district's expenditures are in personnel costs, Ladner said, that's the area where most of the lost funds are going to have to be made up.

The district has not yet enacted a plan to make up for the cuts, but both Ladner and board members vowed to do everything possible to make the personnel cuts through attrition first - that is, redistributing existing personnel and not hiring new employees after routine resignations and retirements - rather than through lay-offs.

## AMR meeting response times

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

American Medical Response is exceeding requirements in the time it takes to answer 911 calls in the two cities and in unincorporated areas of Hancock County.

As required by contract, AMR's operations Manager, Mike Sturgill, provided the Board of Supervisor with an official year-end report during the Board's Jan. 22 meeting. The report showed in Bay St. Louis, AMR rescue teams responded to 1,539 calls for help last

year, with 971 of those calls considered emergencies or life-threatening.

AMR is required to respond within 10 minutes of a call, and Sturgill said 96 percent of the time, units were at the scene within six minutes. In Waveland, AMR responded to a 515 calls last year, with 53 considered emergencies. The average response time in Waveland was 6.3 minutes, well below the 10 minutes required, Sturgill said.

In the unincorporated areas of the county, AMR responded to 2,543 calls,

with 194 considered emergencies.

Sturgill said the average response time on emergency calls was 12.1 minutes, again below the 20 minutes response compliance required.

AMR also operates a Rural Responder Team, which moves "around the county, and answers emergency calls. Response time for that program averaged 11.8 minutes, Sturgill said.

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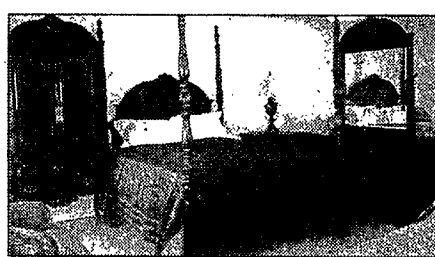
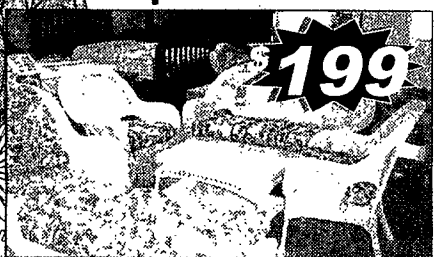
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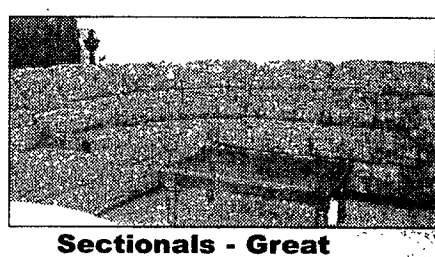
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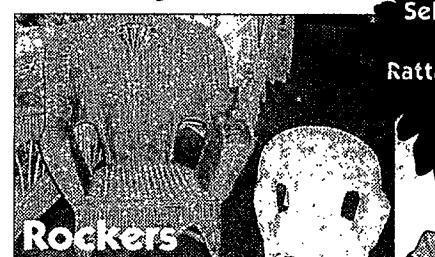
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## Double digging: Love it or hate it, but do it

### THE PACE FILES

BY STAN PACE  
Hancock County  
Extension Agent

Double digging is one of those once-in-ten-year projects that can make a person enjoy gardening more than ever or make them quit.

Mississippi soils generally have clay subsoil that tends to become impermeable to water after many years of being used.

The soil accepts water readily, but the water seems to stay ponded and the bed remains wet for a long time. The solution is drastic.

First let me say this is only for raised beds. Folks who can garden without raised beds probably will not need this procedure.

Second, this is not for folks without strength and stamina. A five-foot-by-20-foot bed may take all day. Start at one end of the bed and dig one shovel deep and one shovel wide and set aside the soil.

Then in the bottom of the trench you dig a second shovel deep (the same shovel wide) and set this subsoil aside. Move to the next one shovel wide and put the soil from the top shovel depth into the trench and place the second shovel deep onto the top.

You are placing the topsoil below the subsoil. Move down the bed one shovel width at a time.

At the end of the bed, put the topsoil from the first row in the bottom and the subsoil on the top. This is an excellent time to add limestone to the garden bed since the procedure will give excellent mixing of the soil with the limestone.

I have mentioned on numerous occasions the importance of soil testing and maintaining an optimal soil pH for your lawn. However, I don't believe I have ever attempted to explain just what pH (acronym for potential hydrogen) is.

In the simplest terms it is a measure of relative acidity or alkalinity on a scale of 0 to 14 with 7 being neutral. When the soil pH becomes too low (acidic) or too high (alkaline) some nutrients become insoluble therefore limiting their availability to plant roots.

The pH scale is a logarithmic scale, so a change of one unit represents a 10-fold difference in acidity or alkalinity. This means a soil with a pH of 5.0 is 10 times more acid than one with a pH of 6.0 and 100 times more acid than a soil with a pH of 7.0.

Soil pH is affected by applications of fertilizers, rainfall, organic matter, soil texture, and soil microorganisms, so it is important to periodically take a soil sample to determine if the pH is still within a desirable range for nutrient availability, microbial activity, and good plant growth.

### Indoor Garden Projects

With cold temperatures and rainy days, few folks like to work outdoors this time of year. So here are a few ideas for indoor garden

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# The Birds and the Bees

More 'activity' really will help your gardens



**SOUTHERN GARDENING**  
BY NORMAN WINTER  
MSU Horticulturist  
Central Mississippi  
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To be perfectly honest, sometimes there needs to be a little more sex in the garden. Yes, gardeners, we need to discuss the "birds and the bees."

We cannot escape the challenge of male and female relationships, even in the garden. This is most evident in the large, bright red fruit on the aucuba. Well, you didn't think I was talking about human relationships, did you?

If you are wondering why your aucubas do not have red fruit, then that's where the sex discussion begins. You see, Canadian geese mate for life and aucubas do, too!

I suppose the male aucuba doesn't really pick out one particular female aucuba, but he really spreads his love around.

If you are catching on now, you realize that there are male and female varieties of aucuba, and both must be in the garden to get the prized red, winter fruit.

The aucuba is one of the best shrubs for the South, even though it comes from the Himalayas and Japan. Many of you will find it strange to know they are in the dogwood family.

The variegated forms brighten up the shade garden better than almost any other shrub. They are almost as pretty as the tropical croton, and actually there is a variety called crotonifolia.

There are also green-leaved types.

Though there are variegated females that will produce the large red fruit, I am partial to the look produced by the huge, colorful fruit up against a backdrop of deep green. They almost



The aucuba is one of the best shrubs for the South, even though it comes from the Himalayas and Japan. Many of you will find it strange to know they are in the dogwood family. Place your aucuba plant in partial shade to shade; they abhor full sun.

look artificial.

Place your aucuba plant in partial shade to shade; they abhor full sun. Prepare the soil by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, and two pounds of a 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of planting area, tilling deeply.

Dig the planting hole

three to five times as wide as the rootball but no deeper.

When you dig these large holes, you are opening the door to the fastest root expansion and establishment in your bed.

Place the plant in the hole and backfill with soil to two-thirds the depth. Tamp the soil and water to

settle, add the remaining backfill, repeat the process and apply mulch.

Moisture is critical the first year on newly planted shrubs, so water deeply when required. Feed four weeks after transplanting with a slow-released fertilizer like an 8-8-8 or 12-6-6 at one pound per 100 square feet of bed space.

Fertilize established plantings in March.

Prune lightly anytime to shape and keep bushy. To generate new canes, remove older ones near the base during the late winter. Occasionally, mealy bugs can be a problem so treat as needed, but don't let this deter you from planting some.

Try planting aucubas boldly in groups around fat-sia for a tropical look. I have seen green types with the fruit grown very effectively near camellias like Professor Charles S. Sergeant that has dark-red, anemone-type blossoms. Bedding plants work quite well as companions. Grow lilac-colored impatiens in front of the more brightly variegated forms.

If indeed you want the winter landscape-enhancing red fruit, then variety selection is critical.

Unfortunately, many aucubas are sold generically, but there are about 25 varieties in the trade.

This means it is possible for your favorite garden center to locate male and female varieties for you if they don't have them already.

Some of the best-known variegated female varieties are Crotonifolia (male by this name also listed), Variegata, Nana (compact), Picturata and Gold Spot. Green female varieties are Hillieri, Rozannie (said to be self fertile), Salicifolia and Serratifolia.

Male variegated forms are Maculata, Mr. Gold Strike and Gold King. Green male types are Augustifolia and Crassifolia. As you can tell by the varieties, it may still be difficult to accomplish the task even if you don't purchase generically. Talk to your nurseryman about your goals with not only the aucubas, but also your landscape in general.

Think of it this way: by planning, you are acting like a dating service, and thus your winter landscape will become much more colorful with bright red berries in the years to come.

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## Twist M. Good and the three-kick visit

(This is the last of my repeat columns before my vacation ends. I think you will remember this one.)

I have a sinking feeling every time Stella tells me that the Goods are coming to visit.

Rebecca Sweet is an ex-roommate of Stella's, and I like her. However, her marriage late in life to Twist M. Good is a disaster as far as visits are concerned.

Twist is good at fixing a cistern, laying a patio, putting up cabinets. He's good with cattle, pigs and knows how to use a welding machine. However, when

not doing any of these, his mouth is open.

It's not just his talking; it's what he talks about that is the problem. Without any provocation, he will talk on any subject in mankind's experience in boring detail and complete, sometimes amazing ignorance.

Twist's monologues dominate everything during our visits and I have given up trying to make any conversation. If I try to leave, I find myself impaled to my chair, by Stella's stare as Twist tells about something we have no interest in and

he has no knowledge.

A conversation with Twist is like watching paint dry without the excitement. I have searched for amusement during his talks by listening to the hall clock tick or feeling my fingernails grow.

Stella and I have been married for twenty-six years. We have learned little tricks to get along with each other that have made those twenty-six years pass by in rather a pleasant manner.

I occasionally do or say things in company that Stella thinks that I should

n't and, as a good wife, she tells me about it.

Her method of telling me is not unique. I am sure that most married men receive similar communications: a nudge, a cough, or a look.

Stella's is a kick.

It's a short kick, delivered from five or so inches away and done so surreptitiously that I am the only one aware of her comment.

To be honest, these comments are few and far between. I have dubbed the visits in which they have occurred, "one-kick visits" and for years, one-kick vis-

its represented the acme of Stella's criticism.

Then in far off Alabama, Rebecca Sweet met Twist M. Good. Since the Goods live in Alabama any visits are for overnight. When the newly weds paid us their first visit as a couple, a new standard was born: the two-kick visit.

Once established, two kicks became the norm for our visits, one the evening before, the other the morning after. Then the Goods would be gone and, if I was lucky, Stella would still talk

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# What's for Lunch?

FEB. 18-22

## Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District

### Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily

#### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Pancake and Sausage Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Tuesday:** Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Wednesday:** Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Thursday:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Friday:** Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

#### LUNCH

**Monday:** Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Sandwich with Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll

**Tuesday:** Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Pobo with Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Jell-O Cake

**Wednesday:** Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chew

**Thursday:** Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pears

**Friday:** Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese with Vegetable Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh

Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll

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**Tuesday:** Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

**Wednesday:** Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

**Thursday:** Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

**Friday:** Cereal with Toast or Grilled Cheese, Juice

#### LUNCH

**Monday:** Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Corn Dog Nuggets, Oven Fries, Turnip Greens, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

**Tuesday:** Chicken Gumbo, Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Black-eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Rolls, Cookies

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Cheeseburger, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

**Thursday:** BBQ Chicken, Meatball Hot

Pocket, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

**Friday:** Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, Cheese Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Vanilla Pudding

## Hancock High and Middle Schools

### Served daily:

#### Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments

#### LUNCH

**Monday:** Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Corn Dog Nuggets, Pizza, Oven Fries, Turnip Greens, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

**Tuesday:** Chicken Gumbo, Turkey Sub with Gravy, French Fries, Black-eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Rolls, Cookies

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Cheeseburger, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

**Thursday:** BBQ Chicken, Meatball Hot Pocket, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

**Friday:** Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, Turkey

Club, Cheese Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Vanilla Pudding

## Bay Catholic Elementary School

#### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Cereal, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday:** Iced Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuits, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday:** Pancake with Syrup, Juice, Milk

**Thursday:** French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk

**Friday:** Biscuit with Jelly, Juice, Milk

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**Tuesday:** Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail or Mandarin Oranges

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with Meatsauce or Chef's Salad, Peas or Green Beans, Apple Slices or Pineapple Tidbits

**Thursday:** Chicken Tenders or Chef's Salad, Coleslaw or Carrots, Applesauce or Strawberries (Progress Reports)

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Photo by Bob Hubbard  
Scott Darrah, a new Hancock County Exchange Club member, is congratulated at a recent club meeting by President-elect Linda Grafeo.

## Point Island Garden Club meets

The Point Island Garden Club met Feb. 5 at the HP/PCI Sewer Board Building.

The club participated in the tree planting Feb. 14 along Hwy. 90 from Bayview to Ponce de Leon Blvd. The project was being done by MDOT.

The club also participated in the planting of a large magnolia tree in the County Park on Ponce de Leon Feb. 7. Marlin Ladner, supervisor, oversaw the planting of the tree by the county crew. The tree is a memorial to all the victims of 9/11.

The trees are partially funded by a beautification grant from Shell Oil Co.

Plans for the Pilgrimage were discussed and assignments made for each house on the tour.

The Progressive Dinner will be Feb. 23. Names of members responsible for each part of the dinner were announced.

Several members toured the Thornton-Clover Park in Gulfport Feb. 15.

There is no Yard of the Month due to cold weather. The program on "Coastal and Hurricane Resistant Plants" was presented by Chance McDaniel for the MSU Extension Service.

The next meeting will be March 5 in the HP/PCI Sewer Board Building.

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## Weddings

### Murray-Noel

Marietta Murray of Bay St. Louis announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Kellie Michelle Murray, to Dean Patrick Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Noel of Alexandria, La.

Miss Murray is also the daughter of the late Ron Murray.

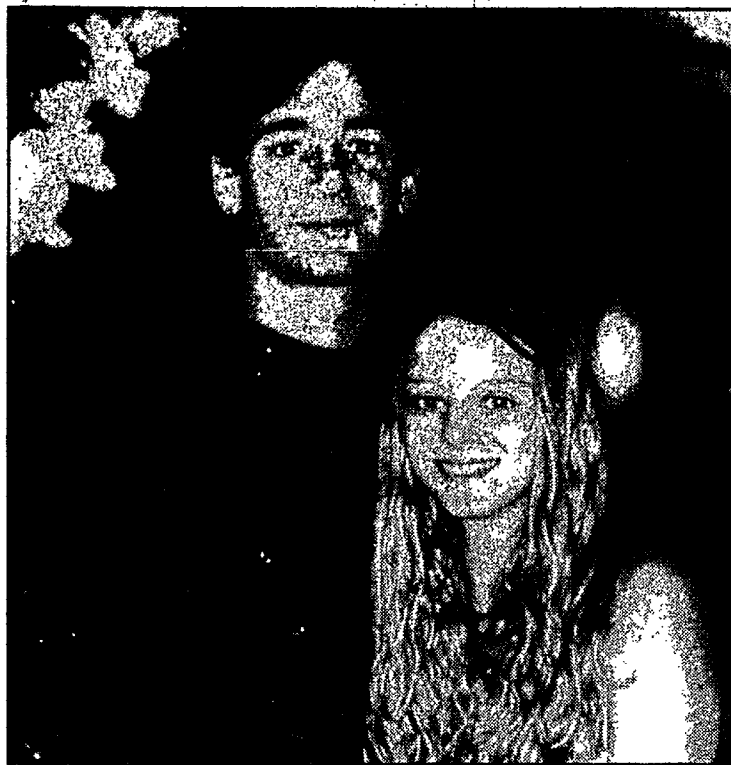
The bride-elect is a graduate of Bay High School and of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a degree in French.

She is employed with Skin Market Corporation in San Francisco, Calif.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Louisiana State University with degrees in physics and electrical engineering.

He is employed with Underwriters Laboratory in San Jose, Calif.

The wedding will take place Friday, Aug. 2, 2002 at 6 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.



Kellie Murray and Dean Noel



Mr. and Mrs. Don Kinsby

### Kinsby-King

Kristine Renée King of Bay St. Louis and Don H. Kinsby, also of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage Feb. 8, 2002 in an evening ceremony in Bayou Phillips Community Center.

Judge Tommy Carver officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Virginia King of Wisconsin.

She was given in marriage by Joseph David "J.D." King.

For the occasion she

chose an Indian maiden dress with bone necklace and moccasin boots. Her hair was adorned with feathers.

Maid of honor was Sherry Slaydon. Best man was Brad Burge.

The groom is a deputy with the Sheriff's Department, and the bride is a homemaker.

A reception followed the ceremony at the center. The couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

### 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Milton "Do" Favre Sr. of Bay St. Louis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23 at the Hancock County Civic Center. The celebration was given in their honor by their seven children and their spouses, their 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



### 2nd Street Elementary teacher attends retreat

More than 100 of the state's visionary educators met Jan. 11-13 in Jackson to mold their plans for transforming education for Mississippi teachers, students and communities, when the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute held its annual visioning retreat.

The MWTI met to develop and plan implementation in its programs for the coming year. Another highlight of the conference was the premiere of the compact disk production from Rural Vices, a National Public Radio production of student and teacher writing from Mississippi, Hawaii and Maine.

Local educator Kathleen Jenkins of Second Street

Elementary attended the conference. For information, call Dr. Sherry Swain, at MWTI, 662-325-7777, or the local Writing Project.

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## Five generations



The Thomas family celebrates five generations, including from left, Kyndra Lawless, Canelle Kremetz, Agnes Thomas with baby Nataline Lawless, and Carl Thomas.

## Views -- Twist

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to me.

Then came the Good's visit this summer.

I awoke at about six the morning after they arrived staring at the ceiling. This visit was worst then normal. I had tried hard the previous evening, but by the time we went to bed, I had received the two-kick quota of a regular visit and Stella was not talking to me. Now another day was here and they would not leave till noon.

I got up and quietly went out on the porch and sat with Jennie at my feet watching the sun rise out of the Sound. I was starting to relax when I heard the door open. I figured it was Stella and said, "Come on out and sit with us. It's a pretty sunrise."

"Well, thank you Mr. Paul, it does look nice," and Twist M. Good sat down beside me.

We hadn't sat long before Twist was telling me a long, agonizingly involved story he had told me twice before about when he once went salt water fishing and didn't catch anything.

"Waste of time people going fishing for saltwater fish. I can tell you that. Saltwater fish don't bite and they don't even taste all that good. Don't let no one tell you different. I don't know why people bother. It's plain foolishness. Now I have been..."

"Look out there, Twist. See the birds on the horizon. Look how tiny they are."

"Yeah, I see them. Those are pigeons, you can tell by the way they keep moving about. We have them in Alabama." After saying this, Twist became unexpectedly still, staring out over the water as if seeing it for the first time. Something was bothering him.

After a bit, he asked, "Mr.

Paul, you know this water stuff, why is it the water on the horizon is up so high? It's as high as we are up here on the porch and we are almost twenty feet higher than the beach. How come it don't pour down and flood the beach and road and stuff?"

I am not proud about what I said next.

"Well, Twist," I said, gestured broadly, "the water has to stay up that high. It's all really due to an unusually strong centrifugal force. See, with the rate the earth is spinning in this hemisphere, us people that look south often see a bulge of water on the horizon."

"What you're seeing there is that bulge. It's got to be like that. If the earth ever slowed down for any reason, that water would seek its own level and come crashing down on us. Luckily, it won't slow down due to the spinning effect of the Coriolis force. You probably know that."

"You are right though, it is higher than normal. This is due to thermal multiple expansion caused by summer heating. Since we've had a real hot summer, its way up there, up as high as we are on this porch. In winter it's much lower."

I'm ashamed to say that at this point I sighed, "It sort of makes you feel a little small, doesn't it?"

The door opened behind us and Stella stuck her head out wanting me to get something for breakfast out of the garage freezer.

I got up and left Twist on the porch staring goggle-eyed at the vast expanse of water balanced precariously at the distant horizon.

"What were you two talking about out there?" Stella asked suspiciously when I came in.

"Nothing," I said hurrying past her toward the

garage. "Just watching the water."

When we sat down at breakfast, Twist was unnaturally quiet. I wisely kept quiet as well and our breakfast was eaten with unusual serenity.

"It is pretty out there this morning," said Rebecca as we lingered over coffee. "Look how far you can see, all the way to the horizon."

"Yep," said Twist reaching to butter a hot biscuit. "Amazing ain't it. 'Course, its just one of them optical effects caused by them Goretuiois Forces. That there horizon is much farther away then it looks. That's because of it being summer and it being hot. It's that there centrifugal force that's keeping it away. During winter, it's a lot closer and sort of bulges way up..."

I'm not going to tell all of things that Twist said that morning. I was too flabbergasted at what he was saying and lost track of its sense very quickly. I also found it unbelievable that he had pronounced 'centrifugal' correctly.

But there's more, Rebecca and Stella were glaring at me. It seemed they couldn't believe he had pronounced 'centrifugal' correctly either. Since he had, they assumed he must have heard it from someone very recently. Their glares told me who they felt that someone was.

As Twist continued a dis-course that promised to last at least another half hour or more, Stella's foot lashed out and I got my third kick of the visit.

As William Murke wrote in his historical 40-page pamphlet, "Aspects Of Animal Husbandry In The Nineteenth Century":

"You can lead a pig to water, but you can't make him fly."

## Pace -- dig it

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projects to keep that green thumb active.

Two fun projects (for you and your children/grandchildren) start with saving your pineapple tops and avocado seeds.

Planting a pineapple may seem like a daunting task, but it's really quite easy.

First, cut the top off the pineapple fruit, leaving about one-fourth of the fruit, then cut back the leafy top, and finally let the fruit dry for a few days.

After drying, press the pineapple into a rooting media (vermiculite, perlite, and/or peat moss) and keep moist at all times.

After about a month or two, roots should begin to form. Once roots have formed, repot the pineapple into potting soil and keep in a sunny window.

The other fun indoor project is to root an avocado. There are two ways to root an avocado: the first is to bury the bottom (wider) half

of the seed in rooting media; the other is to insert four toothpicks into the middle of the seed and suspend the seed in a glass of water (the toothpicks rest on the rim of the glass of water).

When using the toothpick method, be sure to insert the toothpicks only as deep as needed to support the seed and make sure the wider half of the seed is pointing toward the water. Roots will eventually form in both cases at which point the seed can be transplanted.

## Giattina and Quinlan on Loyola Dean's List

Loyola University New Orleans announced its Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester for students completing the semester with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The area students were Matthew D. Giattina and Meredith M. Quinlan, both of Waveland.

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-- Johnette Roberts, a senior elementary education major specializing in science, taught first through third grade at North Bay Elementary and seventh-grade social studies at Bay Middle School in Bay St. Louis. She is the mother of Hailey, and the daughter of Billy Roberts of Gautier and June Bounds of Biloxi.

-- Katherine L. Schmitt, a senior elementary education major specializing in science, taught at North Bay Elementary and Bay Middle School. She is married to Michael Schmitt.

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-- Patricia Leanne Spiers, a senior elementary education major specializing in English and reading, taught second grade at Waveland Elementary and sixth-grade science at Bay Waveland Middle School in Bay St. Louis. She is married to Branson K. Spiers, and is the mother of Caleb and Emma.

For more information about teacher education programs at USM, call the dean's office at the College of Education and Psychology, (601) 266-4568.



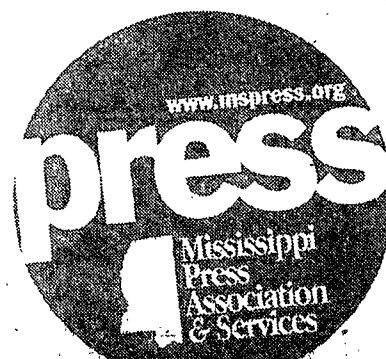
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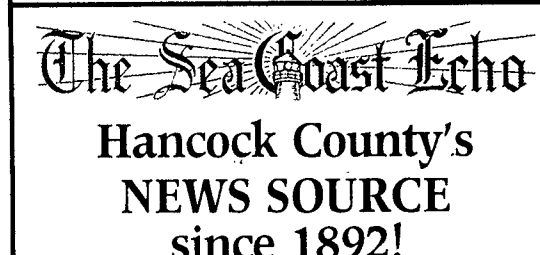
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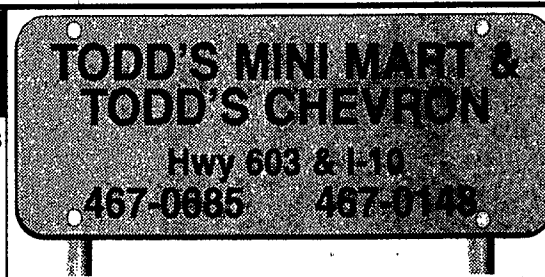
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## Fast food serves death

Guess which two corporations account for the biggest amount of toy sales around the world. Are you as stunned as I was to learn they are McDonald's and Burger King?

Then again, considering what a key tool toys are in their drive to lure children into the fast food grease trap, there is no surprise here.

Recently, CBS's 60 Minutes explored the greasy world of fast foods, concentrating on the advertising strategies of the giants of the industry. Their prime, though not exclusive, target is children.

They reason that, if they can make fast foods attractive enough, children will nag their parents to go for it.

So the fast food moguls go to incredible lengths to market their wares, even to the point of setting up food think tanks. They organize professionally structured focus groups composed of psychologists, experienced marketers and some children with the sole purpose of getting kids to take the bait.

Gathered around a table with the concentration of a council of war, the focus groups propose various scenarios wrapped around some new product such as a special sandwich or burger, intent on coming up with the strategy, usually toy-oriented, which will fire the minds and taste buds of children. As gross as this is, it is even more hairy in that it is a lethal issue, a veritable conspiracy of psychologists and marketers bent on predisposing, preconditioning our children to carry on through their adult years the greasy, sugary, salty eating habits foisted upon them by the avaricious.

If a terrorist, an arch-enemy of the United States were doing this, it would rightly be considered a very subtle act of terrorism aimed at destroying our country from within. But because this conspiracy is coming from supposedly upstanding U.S. citizens, it is complacently accepted by our people at large.

Universal to the point of touching every corner of our country and rapidly expanding across the globe, unrelenting in its aggression, the fast food marketing blitz blithely ignores the life-and-death issues of clogged arteries and veins, and of predisposition to high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer.

Adding insult to injury, the fast food powers team up with the soft drink industry to savage even more of our arterial and cardiac system. Profit on the mix of sugar and colored water exceeds an obscene 90 percent. Whether the death-dealing conspirators ever articulate this explicitly or not, they know that fatty, salty, sweet preparations of various foods turn us into hard-core junk-food addicts just as readily as

barbiturates, cocaine and heroin set a near irremovable hook into hapless abusers of sundry drugs.

Just how successful this untiring blitz is we all know from our children's wild attachment to fast food outlets, so that any other eateries run a distant second. "The Healthy Choice," featuring salads and vegetables at schools, is a joke which virtually all students ignore.

Children were recorded on TV by 60 Minutes, disdainfully stating their dislike for "The Healthy Choice."

While we ever-hungry consumers go complacently and unsuspectingly about our business and moments of play, the fast-food moguls and think tank co-conspirators skimp on sleep to stay a step or two ahead of us in strategies, in ever-new, seductive products, and in enslaving our children's minds.

When we talk about responsibility in the family, in the school, in the church, in the government and on the playing field, we are only paying lip service to responsibility unless we tackle all life-and-death issues before trying to accomplish anything else anywhere in our life.

After all, if the good-tasting, greasy-spoon, sugary, salty offerings hook us together with our children, what good is a lifelong, frenzied pursuit of the American dream if plaque invades our bodies in childhood, increases its siege in young adulthood, and terminates us before we grow old?

Since we are breaking into the season of Lent, we may as well drop a suggested Lenten resolution for the fast-food tycoons and their henchmen: "That all purveyors of fast food will admit to the world that they are using our perverse human gustatory weakness for fats, salt and sugar to ensnare ignorant, unsuspecting children in the deadly grease trap of fast foods."

Pursuant to this admission, all said purveyors of fast food must then do the only moral, honorable thing: engineer a total reversal of their conspiracy to entice, engage and hook our children into addiction to the tastes, smells and salivating, wildly appetizing appeal of fast foods.

Of course, we would be more than naive to expect these folks to fess up to their shameful, immoral conspiracy against our children and eventually all of us. However, we can hold up our end of Lent by starting and pursuing a kitchen rebellion against the frying frenzies of the fast food moguls. Yes, we can send a ringing message by paralyzing the Great American Smokeout with the Great American Fryout. Although it sounds a bit corny, we may be able to ruffle a few feathers if we keep more birds out of the fat.

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## Scripture says . . .

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Daniel Webster: "If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the scriptures."

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but is we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."

Scripture says: "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Is America doing that?

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Scripture says: "The word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105.

May this light shine again in

## St. Thomas Episcopal News

St. Thomas Episcopal Church youth group, 5303 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead attended a rope climbing challenge at St. Michael's in February and plans to repeat the rope climbing challenge again in March.

Those interested in joining the youth group for their food, fun and frolic activities may do so by calling The Rev. Brian Seage at 255-9213.

Lenten Wednesday evening services and aeries "Christ In My Life and Vocation" continue each Wednesday evening at the church in Johnson Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Evening worship of Vespers begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a soup supper and speaker. This series continues throughout Lent at the same time and place.

All persons interested in bringing Christ into their lives are invited to attend.

Call 255-9213 for complete information.

Jan Wiley and Darlene Parks have returned from the Honduran Medical Mission having provided medical aid and comfort to the people there.

The Rev. Brian Seage, The Rev.

Kyle Seage, Sally Kappus, James Dedeaux, Dick and Darlene Parks, Betty and Hoppy Hopkins attended the annual conference in Vicksburg. The Bishop commended the Episcopal churches on the Coast for the growth taking place.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church plans to add an expansion of existing space and a new education wing with classrooms, state-of-the-art nursery and choir room. The capital campaign headed by Ted Brodnax, will begin with the theme, "Onward St. Thomas."

Blessing of the Palms will take place at the 10 a.m. service on March 24, followed by a procession into the Sanctuary. Holy Week will have Holy Eucharist services at noon Monday through Friday followed by a simple lunch. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist services with special musical presentations. Those interested in information about the choir or Hand Bell Choir, contact Donna Hutchins, choir director, at 255-9213.

## The Word: 'V' is for 'Church'

In the Bible the church is characterized with several V's. First, the church is visible. We read letters in the Bible written to people belonging to churches in certain cities. These are real people who make the church very visible. Second, the church is a body of people made alive by the Holy Spirit. The people are vibrant because they are filled with the vital principle of life from God. They are born again.

Third, this church is varied. It is made up of people with varied gifts and varied talents. Some can sing, others can play.

One has a gift of teaching, another has a gift of leading. The

Holy Spirit gives varied gifts. He distributes these gifts to each and every member as He wills.

Fourth, the church is also visionary. The church has a vision given to it by God. On one hand the church has a biblical view of Christ. She knows who He is and what He has done.

This view of Christ makes the church Christian. On the other hand, the church has a vision of what Christ desires her to do. She must propagate her view and understanding of the Savior.

Fifth, this means the church must be vocal. She must broadcast the biblical vision of Christ.

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brated in church instead of the chapel.

Feb. 20: Father Jack will conduct Bible study class in the education building immediately following Mass and Stations of the Cross. Class will continue each Wednesday during Lent.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

School News:

Feb. 18: RCIA, 7 p.m.

Feb. 18: K-5th grades, CCD at their regular times; CCD-CYO grades 6-12, 5-6 p.m.

Feb. 19: Confirmation class, 6:45 p.m.

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Many of the students also presented their books to their respective classes.

The projects were judged first in each classroom, and then the top three winners advanced to the overall school competition.

The projects were judged on representation of real study and effort, clarity, neatness, portrayal of concept of book, imagination of presentation and overall visual appeal.

The school awarded first, second and third place for each grade level, and the winners will advance to the District Reading Fair to be held in late January.

Photos by Lydia K. Jelinski



Fourth and fifth grade winners are, from left, Jamle Jelinski, second; Natalie Thrash, first; and Shelley Husband, third.



Kindergarten winners are, from left, Louis Nix, second; Hannah Stealey, first; and Ross Wicklund, third.



Second grade winners are, from left, Joseph Jelinski, first; and Nolan Bevis, third. Paige Henry, second place, is not pictured.



4-8 group winners are Amanda Cassell and Rebecca Huston, first.



First grade winners are, from left, Sarah Boozer, third; Haley Holder, first; and Camille Swanson, second.



Third grade winners are, from left, Wil Adamec, second; Erica Watkins, first; and Blakeney McKnight, third.



K-3 group winners are Ms. Glampalo's third grade class, first; Ms. Holder's class, second; and Ms. Moran's class, third, not pictured.

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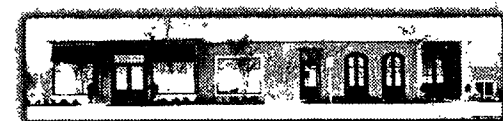
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## Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
EARL J. GUILLOTTE, JR. PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF EARL JOSEPH GUILLOTTE AND THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY E. GUILLOTTE DEFENDANTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-00207  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY L. WEBRE, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Letters of Administration having been issued and granted on the 4th day of February, 2002, to the undersigned in the matter of the Estate of Roy L. Webre, deceased, in Cause No. 2001-844 in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.  
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 7th day of February, 2002.

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Attorney at Law  
Post Office Box 8706  
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State Bar No. 04117  
02/17, 02/24, 03/03/02

JOHN MCADAMS  
CHANCERY CLERK OF  
HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
BY: LINDA B. WILSON  
DEPUTY CLERK  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
No. 2002-72  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY RUGGLES  
PETITIONER

CAUSE NO. 2002-75  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of James R. Yauger, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 7th day of February, 2002, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the clerk of said court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim.  
This the 8th day of February, 2002 A D  
Estate of James R. Yauger  
Larry Ruggles, Administrator

Prepared by  
BRANNE DRENNAN (Bar No. 100058)  
JOSEAN OWEN (Bar No. 3985)  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. YAUGER  
LARRY RUGGLES PETITIONER

CAUSE NO. 2002-75  
RULE 81 SUMMONS  
(Summons by Publication)  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, BY AND THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AS HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. YAUGER, DECEASED, whose present residence and address is unknown.  
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Larry Ruggles, Administrator of the Estate of James R. Yauger, deceased, whose address is 3217 Marion Street, Lauderdale, PA. The Petitioner is seeking to have Larry Ruggles, Crystal Yauger and Demick Yauger adjudged as the only statutory heirs-at-law of James R. Yauger, deceased.  
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, the 15th day of March, 2002, in the courtroom Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.  
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 7th day of February, 2002.  
(Seal)  
Timothy A. Keller, Chancery Clerk  
By Larnell Scarborough  
Dated 02/07/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFF  
VERSUS  
DAVID R. MORRISON, SUZANNE C. MORRISON, C. BORNE, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO: DEFENDANTS

Lot 48, Block 1, Amended Plat of Unit 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2002-97  
PUBLICATION SUMMONS  
TO: (a) David R. Morrison, if alive, whose mailing address is at the time of the within referenced lawsuit was c/o Roy H. Huffington, Inc., P. O. Box 4455, Houston, TX 77210, but whose present address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; (b) Suzanne C. Morrison, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced lawsuit was c/o Roy H. Huffington, Inc., P. O. Box 4455, Houston, TX 77210, but whose present address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; (c) ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST in or to the following land:  
Lot 48, Block 1, Amended Plat of Unit 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff, whose address is 5300 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the land described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint to the Clerk of this Court in this action to PATRICIA H. WILLIS, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 and whose office location is 120 S. Beach Blvd., Suite 8, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 10 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said.

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is accepting sealed bids for old-oak grade 3 ties, 6" x 8" x 1 1/2 feet (size #3) and 7" x 9" x 8 1/2 feet (size #5) all treated #6 per foot or refusal. A minimum of 1200 grade ties, 7" x 9" or a combination thereof, will be purchased as needed. All ties must equal or exceed the specifications outlined in the most current revision of the AREMA specification and comply with AWPB and ARTA book of standards for quality and treatment for a grade cross tie.

Prices will be quoted per tie for grade and 7 x 9 ties, delivered F.O.B., Port. Blenville Industrial Park, Pearlridge, Mississippi via truck only, bids to be effective for one (1) year from bid opening date.

Bids must be submitted to:  
Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission  
Attn: Railroad Manager  
Post Office Box 2267  
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521

FEDEX ADDRESS:  
Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission  
Attn: Railroad Manager  
606 Highway 90  
Waveland, MS 39576

Any questions should be directed to the Railroad Operations Manager, Jimmy Carter, at 228-533-7788.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, 706 Highway 90, Waveland, MS. 39576, then at said office publicly opened and read. The outside of all bids should be marked "SEALED BID FOR CROSS TIES." The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of opening thereof.  
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Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission  
Harry J. Farve, Secretary  
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Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 4th day of February, 2002.  
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NOTICE OF AN APPEAL REGARDING MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION APPEAL OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S DECISION RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING

An appeal hearing will be held before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 20, 2002, at 3:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, located at the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520, regarding the Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association's Appeal of the Hancock County Planning and Zoning Commission's decision relating to a zoning ordinance amendment.

The proposed amendments included:  
(1) eliminating manufactured homes as a conditional use in R-2 Zoning Districts  
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDED PETITION FOR PEARSON REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., TO GAIN PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS TO HIS PROPERTY

A Public Hearing will be held before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 20, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, located at the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520, regarding an Amended Petition for a private way filed by Pearson Real Estate Services, Inc., to gain public road access to his property, in and through property owned by the Schmitz Family, L.L.C., said property being located in Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and which is described as that parcel being the north half of the Northwest quarter and the north half of the Northeast quarter of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Pearson Real Estate Services, Inc. desires that the said access road begin at the eastern edge of Old Bow Road, a public road, where it crosses the northern boundary of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, then run East along the northern line of the said property and section unto the Northeast corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION  
MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 540  
MADISON, MS 39130-0540

I, Tracy Feigel intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1 et. seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a sole owner under the trade-name of The Pier located at 302 Coleman Ave., Waveland, of Hancock County. The name(s), title(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are Tracy Feigel, 338 Davis St., Waveland, MS 39576.

This the 11th day of February, 2002.  
02/14, 02/17/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION



# Entertainment

## Chinese New Year Festival at Discovery Center

### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center celebrates the Year of the Horse at its Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Last year our festival set a special event attendance record for the Discovery Center," said Mary Cordray, associate director, "so this year we've added more activities to enhance the time-honored Chinese New Year's traditions."

The event fee is \$2.50 with membership or admission to the Discovery Center.

Visitors are transported to a hands-on Chinese Village where they will be welcomed into a Chinese home to sample good luck foods; make "good wish" envelopes; and use Chinese "chops."

Storytellers and performers from our WINGS Performing Arts Program will bring Chinese legends and folklore to life at the Happy Dragon Theatre.

Sculpting clay amulets, printing with ink blocks, designing puzzles using tanagrams and creating three-dimensional horses will immerse visitors in a culture from the other side of the world.



Lion Dance at the Chinese New Year Festival at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Saturday, Feb. 23.

Visitors can step into the Starlab planetarium and discover the Chinese legends in the stars.

Children can learn exciting, new games and activities - Chinese Tails, Chopstick Challenge and Asian Mini-Rockets.

Horses from Barlow Farm and kite making with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Kite Club will add to the festivities.

In the garden, children will plant seeds to create an authentic Asian vegetable garden that features pak choi, he-shi-ko and dow gauk beans.

Dragon parades with Chinese instruments and animal masks and authentic Lion Dances will complete the magic for children of all ages.

Visitors can enjoy food from the China Star and

King Buffet Restaurants. Allen Beverages is a sponsor of the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

CHILD Magazine recently selected the Discovery Center as one of the USA's top 50 children's museums. Admission is \$6 and memberships start at \$40 for two people.

For information, call the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center at 897-6039.

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## Entertainment at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis presents the world's most romantic balladeer, Engelbert Humperdinck, in concert Saturday, Feb. 16 at 9 p.m. in the Magic Entertainment Complex.

Concert tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95. Tickets may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 and through Ticketmaster.

For more information, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5. Must be at least 21 years of

age to attend concert at Casino Magic.

### Entertainment in the Entertainment Complex:

Saturday, Feb. 16, Engelbert Humperdinck at 9 p.m. in the Magic Entertainment Complex.

Tickets: \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95.

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### Upcoming Lobby

### Entertainment Free in the Main Lobby:

Bobby Allison, Tues., Wed., Sat., noon - 4 p.m.

\*Feb. 14, Vince Vance & the Valiants

\*Feb. 15 - 17, Brandon Bennett (Elvis - My Way)

\*Feb. 19 - 24, Mustang Sally

\*Show times are 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Sundays unless otherwise noted.

Plus...

The Good Stuff Jazz Band

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Sunday in Bienville's Bay Buffet.

## Maritime Museum offers sailing classes on schooner

The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum is offering sailing classes aboard its 65-foot Biloxi Schooner's Glenn L. Sweetman and Mike Sekul.

The classes will begin Saturday, March 2 and will meet each Saturday for three hours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., for a total of five sessions.

Cost is \$125 for non-members and \$100 for

museum members 12 years and older.

"This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to sail a gaff-rigged Biloxi schooner," said spokesperson Robin Krohn. All classes will meet on the schooner, located at Pt. Cadet Marina, Pier I, directly behind the Isle of Capri Hotel, Hwy. 90 East, Biloxi. Call 228-435-6320.

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